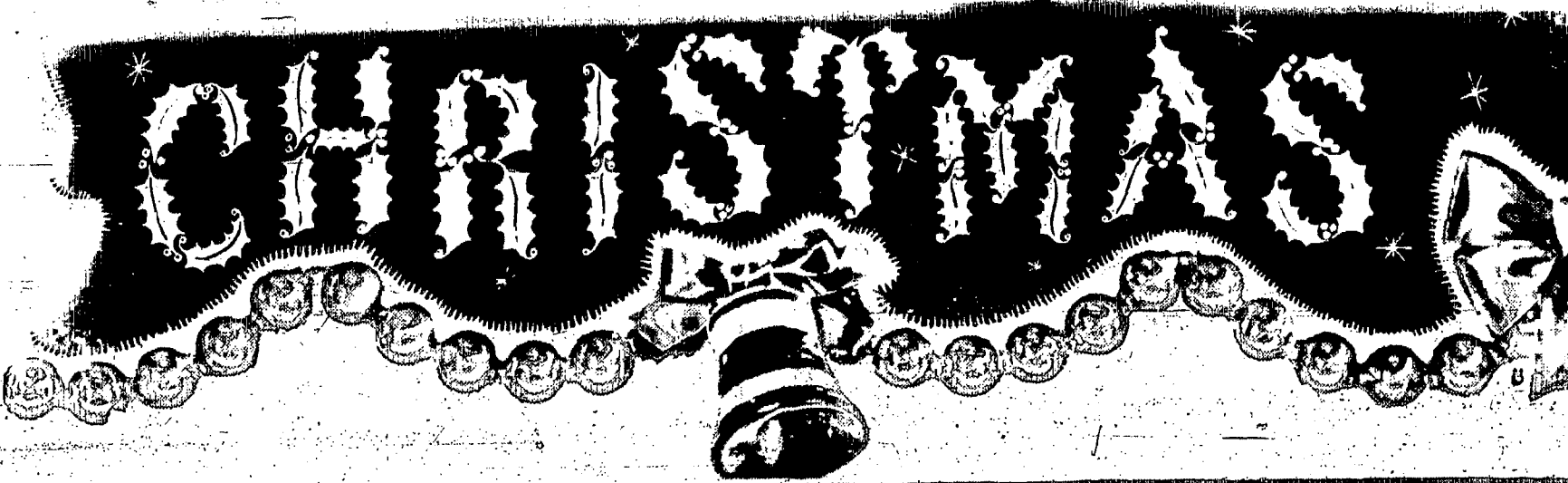
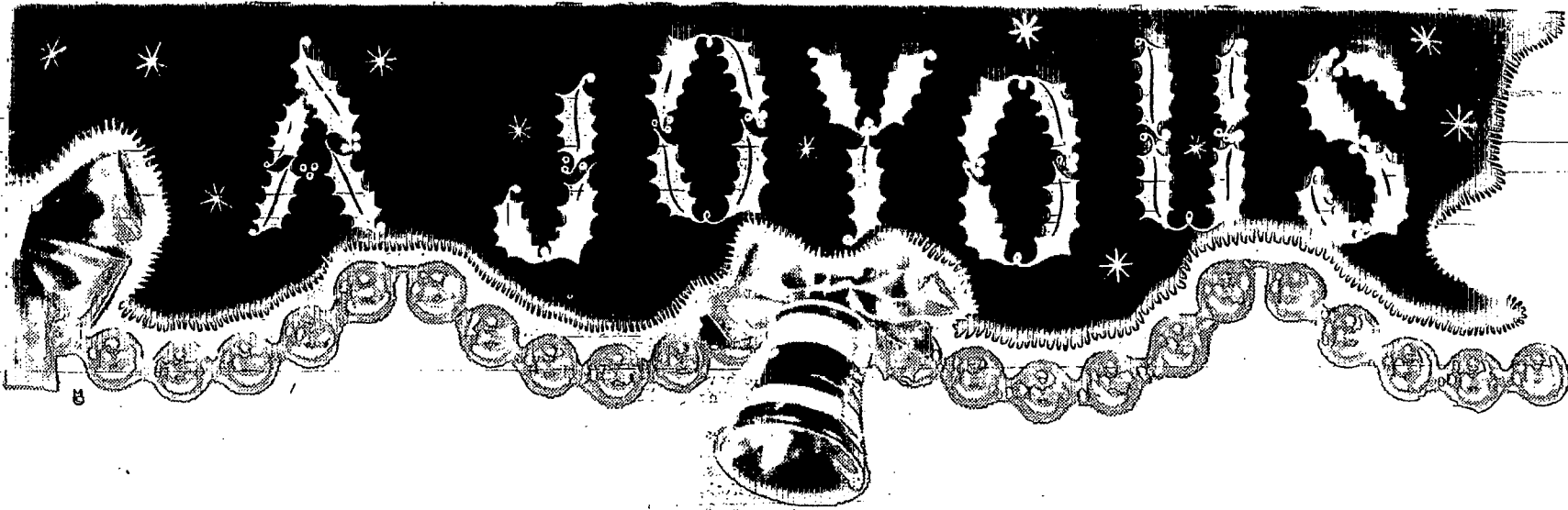


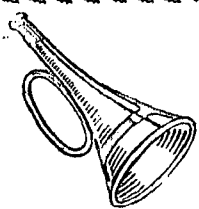
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GREETINGS

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Greetings



May your Christmas
be one that will long
be remembered for its
happiness and good
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Christmas CUSTOMS

Many Christmas legends and customs are part of the folklore of our ancestors in all parts of the world. Many of them, too, are a mixture of early Christian and pagan observances which time and Christianity have given new meaning.

Santa Claus, our American giver of gifts, is little known elsewhere in the world. In Eastern and Southern Europe, it is the Wise Men who arrive bringing gifts. In Hungary the gifts come from the Angels, in Poland from the stars, in Greece, St. Basil is the gift-bearing patron saint.

Popular tradition has it that the candle we place in our windows at Christmas is a custom originated by early Christians to whom the candle represented the star that guided the Wise Men to the stable at Bethlehem. One interesting legend tells of a shoemaker who, though poor, always placed a candle in his window at night to guide weary travelers, and so inspired the villagers that soon each window contained a lighted candle.

The holly bush, long associated with Christmas, and with many legends was once called the holy-bush, because in its natural state the berries ripen at Christmas time.

The Wassail bowl, which today is Christmas punch, is said to have come to us from the ancient Saxons. Wassail was a word of greeting which meant literally, "What Halls?", or "How fare you?"

At Christmas time, traditions of the Old World live again. Pinatons, doves and festive straw chains from South Europe; wheat sheaves, paper and carved wood from Scandinavian countries; angels, stars, Czechoslovakian bells and gold German stars are all bits of Old World charm that we re-create in our homes.



Ausable Souvenir Works

Frederic



By F. L. Rowley

MR. OWENS is extremely popular in Hillcrest. He owns a big barn where the stock shows play each summer. He even serves coffee and sandwiches to his guests when they drop in to watch one of the shows. The truth is that Mr. Owens is a lonely old man who likes to surround himself with happy people.

Several years ago today, when Christmas cheer abounded and glowing parlor windows warmed the hearts of passersby, Mr. Owens was lonelier than usual. He had not even set up a tree that year; what good was a tree without someone to admire it? Christmas Eve, and Mr. Owens strolled down Main Street alone, peering into the few shop windows that were still lighted. In front of the ten-cent store he saw young Jim Harder. Jim was watching the lights go out with an expression of dismay on his freckled face.

"It can't be that bad, my boy," the old man said kindly.

Jim tried to smile when he saw Mr. Owens. "It's bad enough. I'll sure catch it from mom when I get home. She sent me out to buy some Christmas-tree ornaments."

"Tree ornaments?"

"Yes sir. Let's see."

Mr. Owens pulled out a drawer to reveal several dozen brightly colored balls.

"Fire in the woodshed," explained Jim, "nothing serious, but our Christmas stuff was destroyed. We forgot all about it until we set the tree up this morning."

"And you waited until now to buy ornaments?"

"That's just it," groaned Jim. "I left home over an hour ago. It's just that—well, I've been looking in store windows—and—"

Problem Solved

"I understand," said Mr. Owens with a twinkle in his eye. "Used to do the same thing when I was a lad. Never could figure out why clocks were invented. Say, I've got an idea! I have some old ornaments—"

"You have?" cried Jim eagerly.

"On second thought," Mr. Owens went on, "I don't think they'd do. Too old, most of them, with cracked sides and hairpins stuck in their tops. Had one box of good ones, but I stepped on it."

Jim didn't smile. He look miserable.

"Wait!" cried Mr. Owens, laying a hand on the boy's shoulder. "I've got it! You'll have your Christmas-tree ornaments yet."

With Jim Harder striding hopefully beside him, Mr. Owens set off at a brisk trot that belied his years. A happy smile played upon the wrinkled face. He was doing someone a favor at Christmas; he was part of the scene. He joined Jim in a chorus of "White Christmas."

Hiding Place

When they reached his place he surprised Jim by taking the path that led to the barn. The boy followed. Once inside, he groped around until he located an old lantern.

After squeezing between dusty props they reached a huge chest.

Mr. Owens pulled out a drawer to reveal several dozen brightly colored balls.

"Wow!" They're perfect!" cried Jim. "What are they?"

Mr. Owens laughed. "Let's see now; those plastic ones are plums,

and those pressed-paper ones are oranges. This other drawer is full of stars; it's all part of the scenery. I do hope you'll bring them back after the holidays."

"I sure will!" promised Jim with a big grin.

It was outside church the next morning that Jim approached him breathlessly. "We got turkey, and you're going to get a drumstick, Mr. Owens!"

"Me? Now Jim, you needn't—"

Mrs. Harder came up. "I asked Jim to invite you to dinner," she explained. "Besides, you must see our beautiful orange-covered Christmas tree. Or would you rather spend Christmas Day in that big, lonely house of yours?"

Mr. Owens couldn't think of a single reason for not going. "I—I'll be there!"

In the spirit of

Christmas

We send our

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BILL'S LAUNDRY-IT

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To everybody... everywhere...

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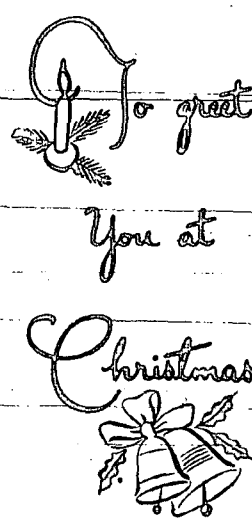
Christmas season... one

which will long be treasured by

you and yours. And for your

business since last Christmas,

our sincere thanks.

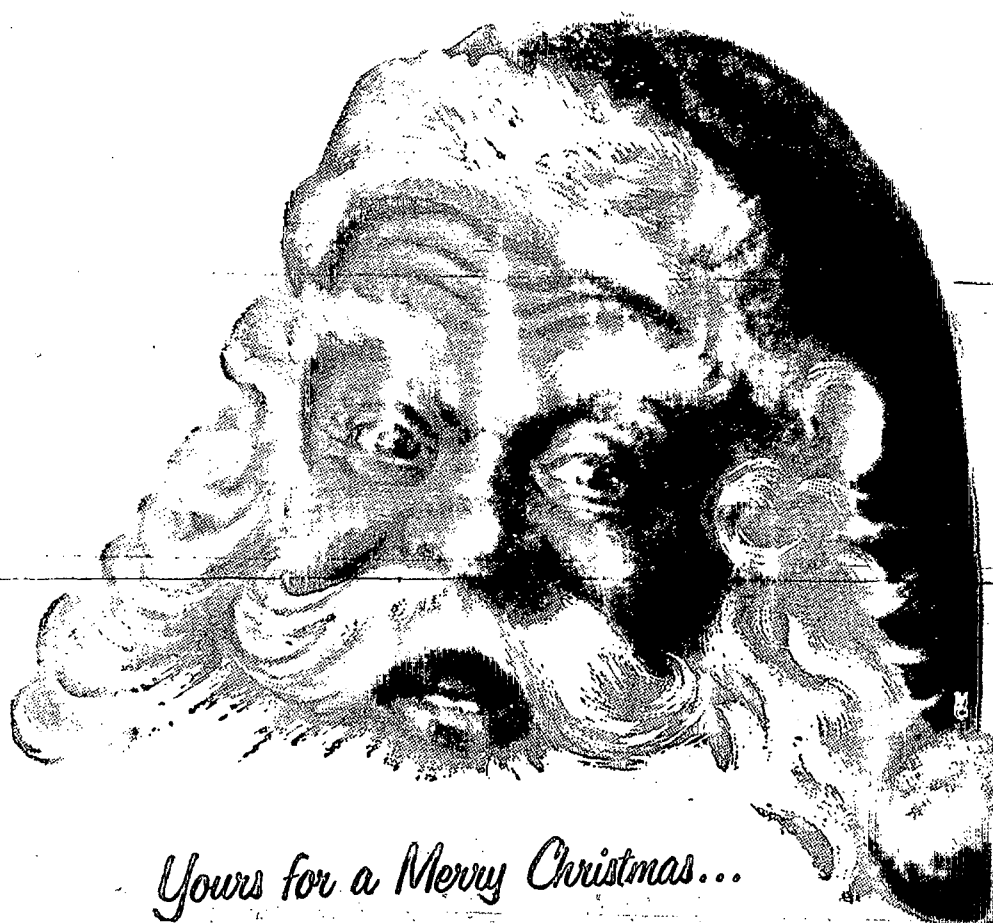
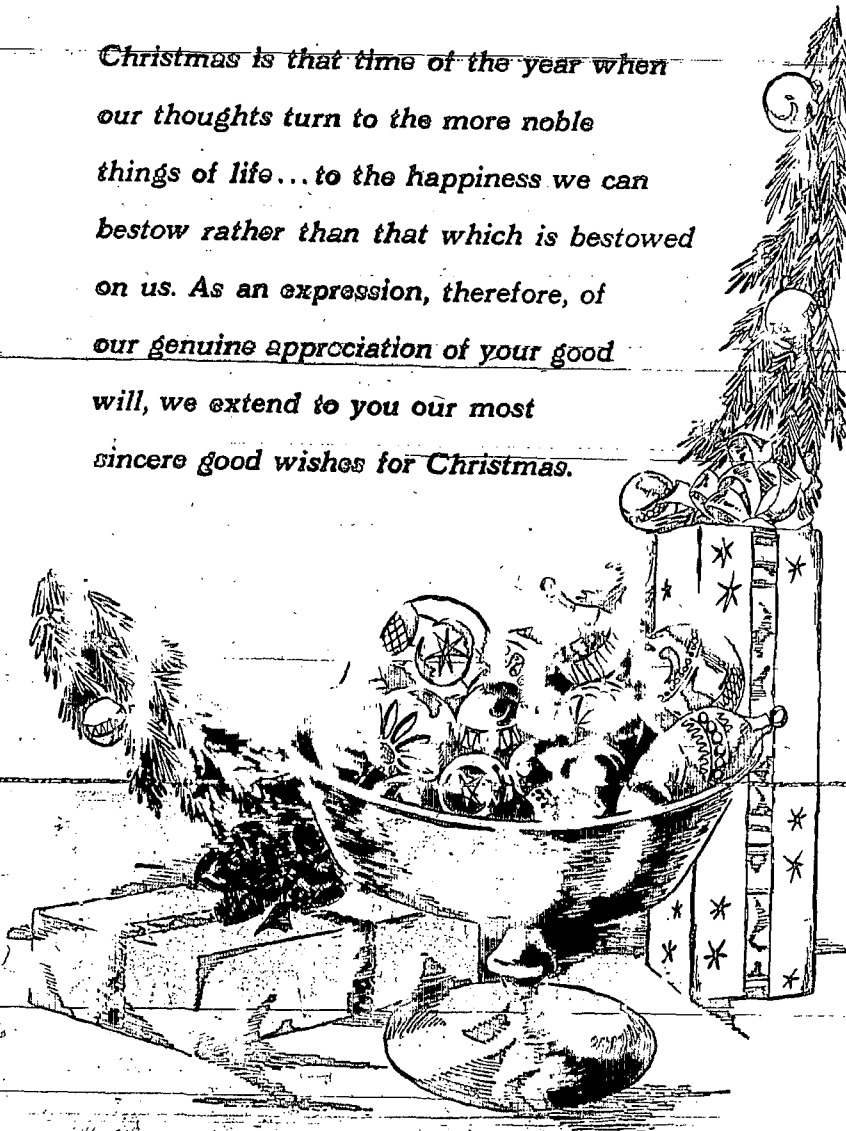


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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas is that time of the year when
our thoughts turn to the more noble
things of life... to the happiness we can
bestow rather than that which is bestowed
on us. As an expression, therefore, of
our genuine appreciation of your good
will, we extend to you our most
sincere good wishes for Christmas.



Yours for a Merry Christmas...

Some gifts come in big packages
And other gifts are small,
But some of the very nicest are
Things you can't see at all.
Good health, good cheer and
Friendship are the richest
treasure.
We hope you have them,
every one,
For your Christmas pleasure.

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MOTEL AND DINING ROOM



It's a joyous spirit that prevails
during the Holidays.

A friendly smile for all

... a light heart

... a spirit of

good fellowship.

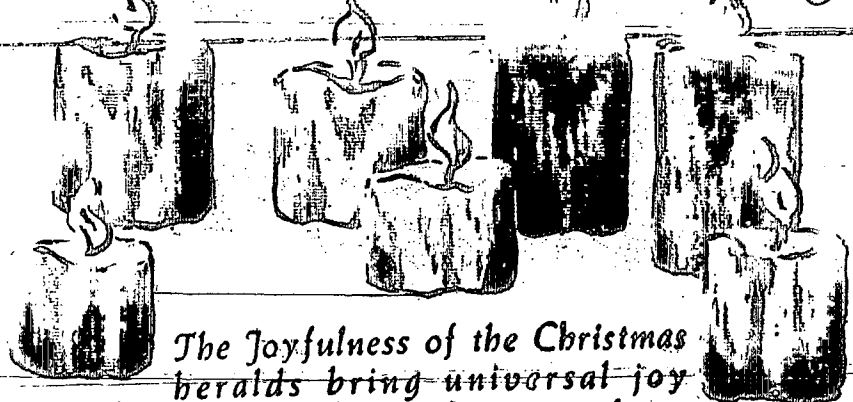
It's a very Merry Christmas

we are sending your way.



OLSON'S

MERRY CHRISTMAS



KIMBLE'S SERVICE STATION



"I don't know that I can answer your question, son, but I'll try. The Christmas spirit... well, it's something you can't touch as you can the tree or feel as you do the cold and the wind and snow. It's greater than the distance to a star or the silence of the night, more wonderful even than Santa Claus..."

"Oh, yes, Christmas trees and snow, presents and things, they're all part of the Christmas spirit. But these are things that we could have the whole year round without the Christmas spirit. It's only at Christmastime that they..."

"Why? Well, it's because the Christmas spirit sort of changes the way we look at things and the way we feel. Little, everyday things, usually so important, go off somewhere and are lost among the Christmas tree lights or the evergreen arches along Main Street. We completely forget about ourselves as we gather presents for all our friends. Our troubles just seem to melt away. We buy gifts the year round for birthdays and anniversaries, it's true, but it's not the same. When the Christmas spirit moves us, we feel happy. We just want everyone in the whole world..."

"Is it being happy?" Not just being happy as such. It's being happy, and kind, and generous, full of peace, and, most important of all, being reverent, all at once.

"Sure, like when we are in church. Outside the snow is deep and the midnight wind whistles through the trees. But inside there's warmth and comfort and a quiet peacefulness that you don't find anywhere else. Though just outside, the world, with its wind and snow and trees and stars and sky seems far removed. The flickering altar candles seem to be repeating a humble prayer in a language of their own. Your heart swells inside you and suddenly you are warm to the very tip of your toes. It's then that you know... that you feel it... the true Christmas spirit. With every breath you know that you are nearer and closer to Him... you know..."

God? Surely God. You knew it all the time. The Christmas spirit doesn't come from Santa, nor does it come to any man as a present. It comes only when each of us, though we may have been careless or forgetful, reaffirm our faith in His presence and goodness and so strengthen our hopes to be with Him forever and forever. Then we have the Christmas Spirit, the most wonderful feeling in the world.

Bethlehem
Many Languages
Join Together
In Holy Praise

As the angels sang on that first Christmas night, so will there be singing in the village of Bethlehem this year of 1955.

Bethlehem caroling is to many languages. An Arab choir will join with the voices of tourists and pilgrims in a simple outdoor service. In a grotto which might have been the sheepfold for the watching shepherds, the Christmas story will be read from the Gospel of St. Luke.

The stone buildings and churches of Bethlehem will be filled with thousands of pilgrims who have journeyed here for a pontifical mass at midnight in St. Catherine's Chapel and the procession which later leads down a flight of stone stairs to the grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity.

According to tradition, nearly 1,600 years old, the grotto is the site of the stable where Jesus was

born when Joseph and Mary could find no room at the inn.

During the ceremony an infant figure of Christ is placed in a manger in a wooden crib where it will remain until the feast of Epiphany.

On both sides of the Israel-Jordan border, a short distance from Bethlehem, tent cities are set up to facilitate border crossing formalities for almost 2,000 Christians living in Israel and temporary Christian residents of Israel traveling to Bethlehem for Christmas. The formalities do not take much time. In one tent, pilgrims get stamps for their permits; in another, their luggage is checked; finally their money is changed.

Then they cross the border, Bethlehem-bound, just as was Mary and Joseph on a similar night long, long ago, and just as are fervent travelers from all parts of the world in this year of 1955.

Thousands Send Cards
To First Family

Last year some 15,000 Americans sent Christmas cards to President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

This number was almost twice the total received by the Eisenhowers the year before.

About 75 per cent of the senders wrote personal messages on their cards last year and most of them said they were praying for the first family.



JOYOUS
CHRISTMAS

May joy reign in the
world...in your home
...in honor of Him
whose birthday we
this day celebrate.

Jansen
Plumbing
Service



PEACE ON EARTH... Music is an important part of Christmas observances everywhere and there is something about the spirit of Christmas that makes young voices ring out loud and clear, with a heart full of joy.

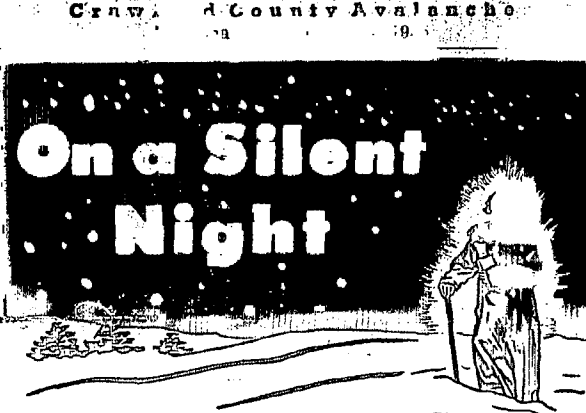


The old joke about Dad "monopolizing" Junior's train is ceasing to be a joke, according to some toy producers, who contend that this year there will be toys for adults under some Christmas trees.

Mr. Jay V. Zimmerman, president of the largest hand puppet makers in the world, recently told toy buyers and salesmen that "toys made specifically for adults to play with will eventually exceed the present popularity of children's toys."

This may sound a little unbelievable and optimistic (for the toy industry), but Mr. Zimmerman says the theory is neither radical or new. "For centuries," he says, "man has been playing with his children's toys under the guise it was for Junior's sake, but that's a lot of toywash. They enjoy playing with their kid's toys, but they're too ashamed to admit it."

Right or wrong, several major toy companies are producing specific adult toys this year. We'll just have to wait and see how many Dads receive some of them as presents from Santa.



It was December 23, 1818 in a tiny mountain village in Austria. The night was cold and clear and a heavenly canopy of stars stretched over a peaceful earth as far as the eye could see.

Father Joseph Mohr, a young parish priest, had just administered the last rites to a dying woman. Walking thoughtfully homeward, he looked down at the twinkling lights of the village and the bright stars above. A soul was about to depart from this world, to sleep forever in heavenly peace. Tomorrow at midnight the village and the Christian world would reverently observe the greatest birth—the Nativity—that took place that holy night so long ago.

How sad, the young priest thought, that the church organ was broken and the musical program for the holiday services had been cancelled. Franz Gruber the organist, had suggested they find a simple melody that could be sung to the accompaniment of a guitar. Give him the words, he'd said, and he would compose the music. Give him the words... and there would be music.

As he thought of birth and life and death and looked down upon the sleeping, starlit village below, Father Mohr found these words. They sing the praises of the Holy Infant born to the world, and we wonder if they do not also ask for the departed soul "rest in peace."

Thus came the famous "Silent Night, Holy Night." Franz Gruber, true to his word, put Father Mohr's words to music that will endure till the end of time.

Let us hear in our hearts the old

message of peace and good will

and a hope for all the

blessings of a happy Christmas time.

GREETINGS

SORENSEN'S QUALITY FOODS

All Good
Wishes

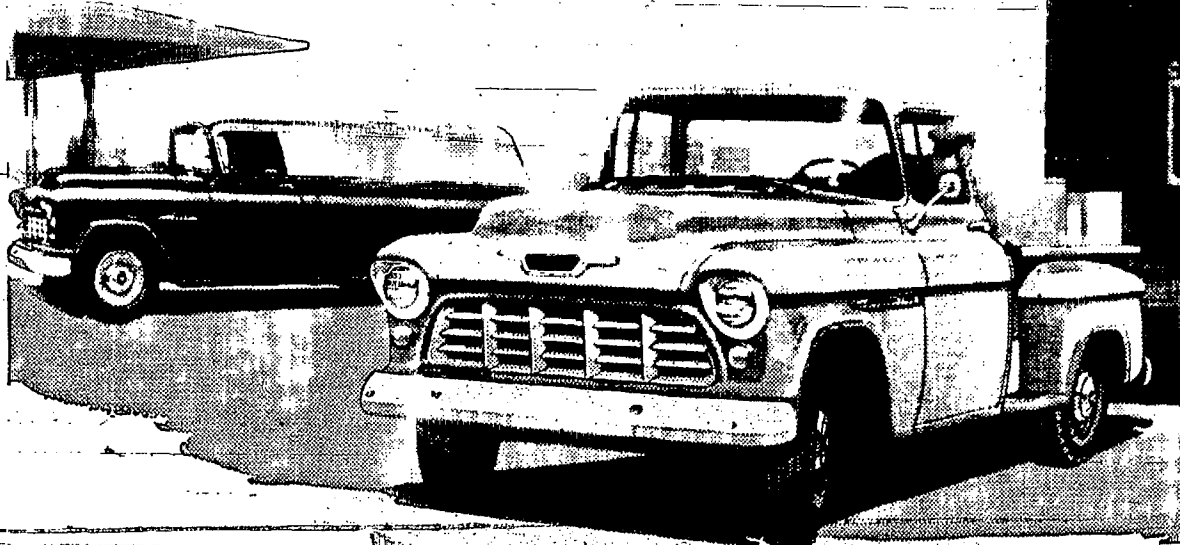
To our Many Friends and Customers

Martin's Pure OIL Service



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Watch your Step!
Be sure you get a
Modern Truck!



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for your happiness at

Christmas

Grayling Laundry & Dry Cleaners



At Christmas time we realize

more than ever how much our

friends—both old and new—

have meant to us throughout

the past year, and more than once

there is a special meaning in

these wishes for a Merry Christmas

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Grayling

Phone 2751



GRAYLING FLOWER SHOP

Patrick and Esther Bryson

Phone 3521

CHRISTMAS Greetings

May the intimate peace of Christmas morning be encircled with the warmth and glow of the Christmas spirit... peace of heart akin to the spirit of the Holy Season. And so, best wishes for you on this birthday of a tiny Babe who brought peace and hope to this world two thousand years ago.



PALMER INSURANCE AGENCY

Nola Laurant, Owner

900 Michigan Ave.

Phone 3391

CHURCH SERVICES

BEAVER CREEK CHURCH OF GOD

William Ryan, pastor

The Church of Christian Brotherhood

Sunday school and church service each Sunday at 10:30 a. m. at Beaver Creek Town Hall.

Youth Fellowship, Tuesday evenings, 7:30.

Everyone Welcome

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Grayling, Phone 2681

Rev. Fr. John A. Breitenstein

Regular Schedule

Sunday Masses — 8:30 — 10:30.

Holydays — 6:00 — 8:00.

Weekdays — 8:00

Special Schedule

Summer — First Sunday in July to first Sunday in September inclusive.

Sun. Masses — 7:00, 8:30, 10 & 11

Holydays — 6:00, 8:00, 9:00.

Weekdays — 7:30.

Deer Hunting Season

Sunday Masses — 5:30, 8:30, 10:30.

Confessions

Saturdays — 4:00, to 5:00 and 7:30 to 8:30.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. R. C. Puffer

Church School — 9:45 A. M.
Divine Worship — 11:00 A. M.
Youth Fellowship — 6:30 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FREDERIC

John L. Weld, Pastor

Sunday

9:45 Bible School

11:00 Morning Worship

7:00 Training Union

8:00 Evening Service

Wednesday

8:00 Prayer and Bible Study

FAIR METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Wayne Root

301 Shellenburg St.

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.

Worship Service 11:00 A. M.

Youth Fellowship 7:30 P. M.

Evening Service, 8:00 P. M.

Prayer meeting, Thursday evening, 7:30 P. M.

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Corner Plum and Smith St.

Pastor Merle Howard

Church School — 10:00 A. M.

Evening — 11:00 A. M.

Mid-week service, Prayer 7:30 to 8:30.

GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Phone 2541

Worship service — 11 A. M.

Sunday School — 9:45 A. M.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Recommen-
Phone 2541
Worship service — 8:30 A. M.
Sunday School — 10:30 A. M.

Missouri Synod

Opposite Mercy Hospital

St. Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

Rev. Gordon H. Light, Pastor

Divine Service — 11:15 A. M.

Sunday School — 10:00 A. M.

Sponsor of the Lutheran Hour on Station WHGR at 10:30 a. m., Sunday and "This is the Life" on T. V.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Chestnut St. and US-27

Rev. Holte M. Luter

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.

Worship Service, 11:00 a. m.

Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m.

Young People's 8:00 p. m. Monday.

Mid-Week Services

Prayer and Everybody's Bible Class, Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

LOVELL'S CHAPEL

Rev. Wayne Root

11:00 A. M., Sunday School

8:00 P. M., Chapel Service.

"ASSEMBLY OF GOD"

Rev. Daniel Kolenda, Pastor

Sunday services are held in the Grayling Grange Hall, 304 Spruce St.

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.

Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.

Evangelistic Services 7:30 P. M.

Everyone welcome.

Christian Science Society Meeting

Bagley Twp., Hall, US-27 South of Gaylord.

Church and Sunday school services at 11:00 A. M.

Services 8:00 P. M., second Wednesday each month.

St. Andrews Episcopal Mission

Church School and Morning prayer — 11:30 A. M., at Trinity Lutheran Church, Gaylord, Michigan.

Seventh-Day Adventist

Meet at Camp

Available, 100 W. Saturday

CHRISTMAS TREE

The holiday tree is as important to a good Christmas for the children as is the visit by Santa Claus.

Bringing in the tree, like the ancient custom of bringing in the Yule Log, has become an American tradition cherished by the younger generation.

Novel Christmas Decorations Add Value To Presents

With so many gifts to wrap this time of the year, paper, cards, ribbons, seals and other package decorations can add up to quite a sum.

By using a little imagination, these costs can be kept at a minimum.

Ends of wallpaper rolls, whether left over from your own walls or bought as odd stock at your local paint store, are especially pretty for large packages. Even newspapers can be used to wrap large packages and the want-ad section is more attractive than the other pages.

Small pieces of aluminum foil or shelf paper from the end of the roll are excellent for wrapping smaller packages. Or if you have a young child who fingerpaints, why not wrap gifts in some of his paintings.

White tissue paper can be made quite appealing by spattering it with red or green ink or water with food coloring added.

For seals, cut out colored pictures from magazines, old Christmas cards or even small bits of wrapping paper and paste them on the package. Or you can paste them on a small piece of folded construction paper to make an enclosure card.

Acorns, pine cones or oak leaves, painted or shellacked and tied on top of the package will catch the eye of both young and old.

Greetings

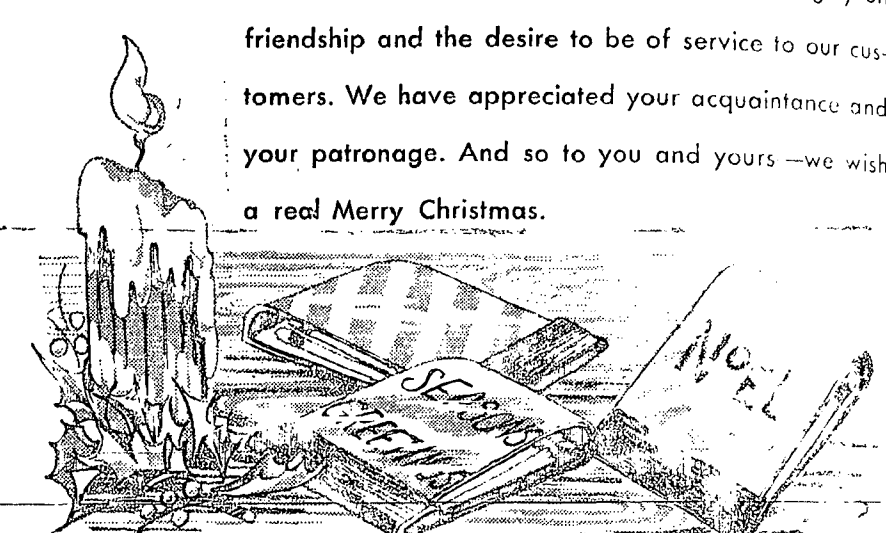
A host of good wishes to our many friends and customers

CONTRACTOR

Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, December 22, 1955

To us this thing called business is founded largely on friendship and the desire to be of service to our customers. We have appreciated your acquaintance and your patronage. And so to you and yours—we wish a real Merry Christmas.



GRAYLING LUMBER AND SUPPLY CO.

Christmas Time

MORE than two thousand years ago, three Wise Men followed the Star of Bethlehem to a manger... the humble birthplace of Him who was to bring a new spirit into the World... the spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." Today, as in all the years between, that spirit lives on in the hearts and minds of all mankind... calling us to church on this, our Savior's natal day... to lift our voices in those beloved old Christmas hymns and carols... and lift our hearts anew with the courage and Hope of His message.

YOUR CRAWFORD COUNTY OFFICIALS

LEO E. LOVELY County Clerk	JOHN A. PAPENDICK Sheriff
BUD HUNTER Register of Deeds	CHARLES E. MOORE Prosecuting Attorney
ARCHIE HOWSE County Treasurer	BEULAH NEAFIE Judge of Probate

The old-fashioned custom of extending Season's Greetings still forms a rich part of our lives. It is good to extend sincere wishes of health and good cheer... counting our many blessings... saying "Thank You" to those who have helped make the year a memorable one... to each of you we want to express

An Old Fashioned MERRY CHRISTMAS



Spike's Keg O' Nails

Merry Christmas



Each year we greet the Christmas Season with great gladness because it is the opportune time to extend our thanks to those whom it has been our privilege to serve.

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"THE MEDICAL STORE"

Best Wishes

Our heartiest good wishes
to you and yours,
for a Joyous and Merry
Christmas... an
abundance
of everything good.



McWILLIAMS BARBER SHOP



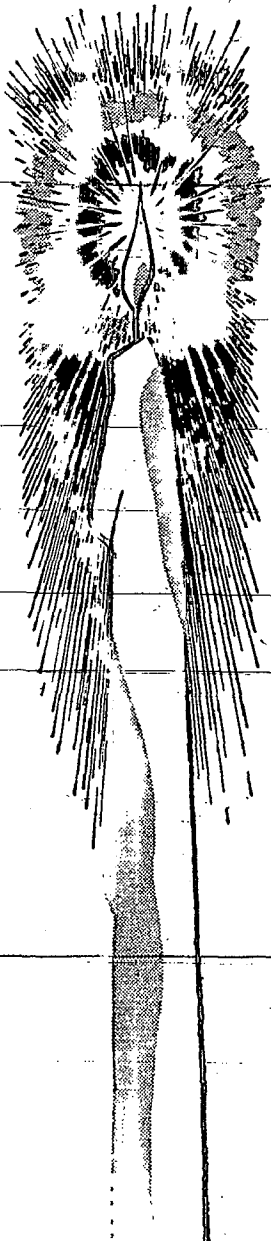
and now
again it is

CHRISTMAS

may it bring you
Peace and Joy
our wish for you

TIP TOP TOGS

MARIE HERRICK, Prop.



Since we can't visit
all of you during this joyous
holiday season, this
is our way of letting you
know how much we have
appreciated your patronage
and friendship throughout the
past year. We promise
to serve you as well in the
future as we have in
the past, to continue to
deserve your loyalty and trust.

Barringer's Men's Shop

"The North's Finest"

U. of M. Evaluation

WHAT WE TEACH AND HOW WE TEACH IT

Superintendent's Note

One of the major problems of the public schools today is the problem of finance. Crawford County ranks 81st of Michigan's 83 counties in the 1955 valuation of property. The tax base of the Grayling Public Schools is very low at \$5,300,000 per pupil. This is low enough so that the State Department classifies the district as a Financially Distressed School District.

A review of the booklet describing the proposed building plan in 1954 shows that many of the items under "suggestions" in the following letter were planned for and are being completed as rapidly as finances will allow.

Several years ago the Cumulative Record Folder CA-39 was introduced in the grades. It is now being used up through the eighth grade. Next year it will be used in the ninth grade. The CA-39 record folder accommodates a better and more complete record of each student.

In order to provide for a half day librarian, a guidance counselor and additional subjects it will be necessary to add more teachers to the high school staff. Each year for the next three years another elementary teacher must be added. With our low tax base and growing school population our valuation per pupil is going to get less and less while our costs of operation are going to become greater and greater.

University of Michigan
Bureau of School Services
Ann Arbor
November 11, 1955
Mr. Frank L. Bond,
Superintendent
Grayling High School,
Grayling, Michigan.
Dear Mr. Bond:

It was a pleasure to spend the day at the Grayling High School on Wednesday, September 28th. Our after-school staff meeting on that day gave me an opportunity to renew my observations. This letter is intended as a summary of these observations, divided into two parts: commendations and suggestions.

Commendations:

1. New facilities added since the last visit include a gymnasium-auditorium, locker and shower facilities, a lunch room and kitchen, and complete facilities for music, including practice rooms and storage area. The Board of Education, the school staff, and the entire community are to be commended for the provision of this fine addition of quality construction.

2. Both the new addition and

old facilities are in excellent condition from a custodial and maintenance standpoint. The buildings are clean, all supplies are properly stored and equipment is well cared for.

3. Instruction appeared to be progressing systematically.

4. There was evidence of a good constructive attitude on the part of the teachers. The entire staff seems willing to accept suggestions for improvement.

5. Every effort is made to provide broad curricular offerings. Present offerings of the school include:

- Home-making.
- Business Education.
- Vocal and Instrumental Music.
- Sociology and Occupations.
- Driver Training.
- School Forest.
- Project (in connection with advanced shop training).

6. Services of a full time school nurse are available.

7. A hot lunch is served to students at noon and a noon recreation program is sponsored in the school.

8. The policy of the Board of Education to encourage a visiting day for teachers is particularly commendable. Every member of your staff should avail himself of this opportunity. We would be happy to recommend schools to be visited for those teachers interested in a particular program.

Suggestions:

1. Continued accrediting of Grayling High School will depend upon attention to the following matters:

a. The present library facility is inadequate. Even though every effort has been made to organize the library for service to the school, the present physical set up presents an impossible situation. There is need for a better study room as well as an improved library area. As soon as you are ready to revamp present library-study hall area, I am sure that Mr. Vance, consultant in libraries with the Bureau of School Services, would be happy to come and discuss plans with you.

The criteria for accreditation of secondary schools requires that the librarian of a school of your size be assigned to the library exclusively. We would like to see the present, the librarian is spending one period per day exclusively in the library.

b. The facilities for the teaching of science are inadequate and equipment also appears to be limited.

c. The home-making facilities are inadequate for the number of students handled, however, plans are under way to improve this facility. The consultant in home-making education from the Department of Public Instruction would be very helpful to confer with on plans in this area.

d. The business education facilities are too small. Additional machines and a larger room would undoubtedly make more use of the teacher's hours.

e. The criteria for the accreditation of secondary schools provides that physical education be offered for both boys and girls in the high school.

f. The principal's teaching assignment is such that insufficient time is available for supervision of the instructional program. It is also impossible for the principal, under the present circumstances, to devote sufficient time to the development of a guidance program.

2. The following suggestions are offered for your consideration in improving the high school program:

a. Many schools are finding it desirable to include a semester of required speech for all students.

b. Consideration should probably be given to including a course in journalism with the publication of a school paper as motivation to writing in this course.

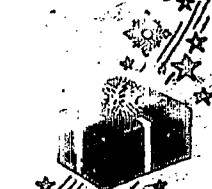
c. Shouldn't consideration be given to the scheduling of the 7th and 8th grade students with more of their time spent with the teacher and opportunity for supervised study within the classroom?

d. There appears to be need for a definitely organized guidance program in the high school. This program would include:

- Standardized testing in the areas of aptitude, interest and intelligence.
- A complete record system including test data, extra-curricular participation records, and social and personal adjustment ratings by teachers.
- A member of the school staff assigned a minimum of 2 periods daily to counseling and guidance.
- A number of high schools offer a course in 9th grade orientation through which the testing is done and vocations studied.
- Perhaps a requirement in social problems on the senior level.

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and economics offered to seniors on an elective basis would serve the needs of more students in this area.

Would you please express my appreciation to the staff for the many courtesies extended me on the day of my visit. If, as you plan for the future, we of the Bureau of School Service can be of help, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,
Donald C. Weaver.

CC: Mr. Joseph Stripe,
Principal,
Grayling, Michigan.
DCW/shr.

Outdoor Decorations Began in Small Towns

Today nearly every community in the land has some kind of outdoor Christmas decorations and in nearly every big city you can find two or three spectacular displays.

It was a small town that first came up with the idea of lighting up the outdoors at Christmas time, but no one is quite sure which town gets credit for the idea.

Four communities are believed to have thought of it about the same time, as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, are in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a Sitka spruce and Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

Dig—These Crazy Christmas Gifts

Even Christmas has caught up with the atomic age. A sign of the times is the increasing demand for Geiger counters as Christmas gifts. Manufacturers say people from all over the country are giving as presents the miracle instrument that noses out uranium.

If you're buying a gift for a prospective uranium prospector you can get him one of these radio-activity detection devices at prices ranging from \$24.95 to \$250. Most popular model, manufacturers say, is about the size of a miniature camera and retails for about \$35.

Uranium "hounds" are as varied as the instruments they buy. They range from housewives with infants in their arms to geologists and hirsute prospectors—as well as business tycoons, clerks, laborers and society women. An amateur uranium prospectors' club in the East, composed entirely of women, is known as the "Geiger Widows."

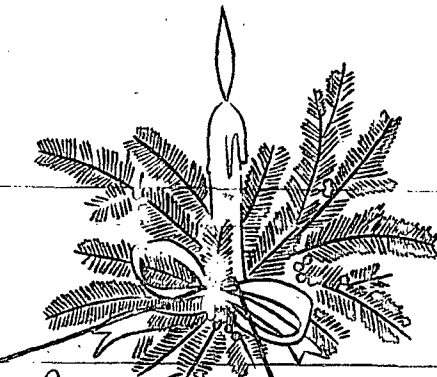
Last year gift Geigers were mailed all over the United States. One woman telephoned the New York office of a leading manufacturing firm from Florida to order a \$1,995 unit as a Christmas surprise for her husband.



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It was Christmas in the village of Trenton. Snow-covered rooftops gleamed white in the pale moonlight and the night echoed with the boisterous song of Hessian Mercenaries celebrating the season of peace on earth—celebrating with greater spirit than wisdom. Christmas trees, first to be seen in America, dangled tinsel and toys. The cobbled streets were alive with laughter.

Across the Delaware things were not so merry. Especially did this holiday season of 1776 find little merriment among the soldiers of the Continental Army, under command of George Washington, spending the icy Christmas on the frozen hills of Pennsylvania overlooking the Delaware.

In almost constant retreat since his loss to Lord Howe in the battle of Long Island, Washington was in a desperate situation. Supplies were almost gone. The new year would end the enlistment period for many of his tired soldiers. England had already promised to pardon all who had taken up arms against the Crown if they would return peacefully to their homes. Washington knew he must taste victory now or never.

By lantern light, he loaded 2400 men, 18 cannon, ammunition, and horses into flat-bottom boats. With lanterns extinguished, the boats began to make slow progress across the river that was clogged with floating ice blocks.

When the church clock at Trenton struck 7 a.m. a young American officer named Alexander Hamilton looked down upon the town from a high hill where he had managed to set up his artillery. Washington gave the signal and the rumble of the cannon echoed through the silent streets of Trenton.

Caught completely by surprise, the Hessian soldiers flung away their guns and swords and fled for their lives. As the Hessian commander lay dying from a bullet wound, he directed an aide to read a message he had received the night before but had not opened. It warned him of Washington's impending attack.

The village of Trenton and 1,000 prisoners were Washington's prizes. He probably could not foresee at the time that he had given his nation a great Christmas present. His daring attack and surprising victory laid the foundation of independence upon which the nation still grows and prospers.

Children Expect Realistic Toys

Santa's helpers, the toy-makers of America, made something like \$300 million worth of toys last year, using up a fabulous supply of plastics, paints and lacquers, adhesives and other new materials developed by industrial chemistry. Toy consumers—America's precocious children—have come to demand a realism in toys that was unheard of a few years ago. If a youngster gets a toy automobile, it must look like one of the latest styles he sees on the highways, a jet airplane must look like the pictures he sees in magazines. Most little girls won't look at a second hand doll that doesn't cry, walk, have washable hair and a wardrobe that ranges from evening clothes to a bikini bathing suit.

Expected to be big hits among toys this Christmas season are all various types of "do-it-yourself" kits for youngsters of all ages—kits they can use to make practically everything from atomic submarines to 1955 model sports cars. In addition to do-it-yourself packages for advanced children, most manufacturers this year also are launching the completely assembled toys for the younger set.



With Proper Care Poinsettia Plant Will Bloom Again

That popular Christmas plant, the poinsettia, need not be discarded when the holiday is over. The right care can keep it in condition for blooming again next year.

Horticulture specialists say you need not be alarmed about dropping leaves. Leaf dropping simply means the plant is going into its normal rest period, which lasts until about May 1.

After the leaves fall, put the plant in a cool place—40 to 50 degrees—and water sparingly. About May 1, cut the plant back quite heavily, to remove excess wood and make it more shapely. Shake off the old soil and repot in a mixture of three parts garden loam, one part well-rotted manure and one part leafmold. Use a pot just large enough to hold the mass of roots without crowding and still provide good drainage. Water enough to keep the soil from drying out.

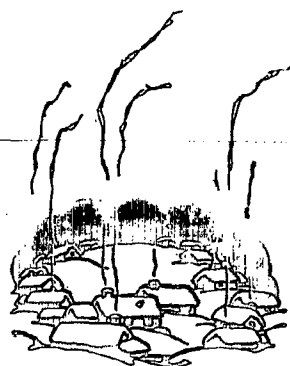
In about another month, when weather is warm, set the potted plant outdoors, submerging the pot in the soil at ground level or a little below. Put it in full sunshine unless the weather is very hot. In that case, give it light shade. When nights cool in the fall, put it in a window where there is good light and air and where temperature is about 60 to 65 degrees, but with no draft. Water regularly so the soil never dries out and use a little liquid fertilizer every week.

Long nights, uninterrupted by even a shaft of artificial light, are needed to bring the poinsettia into flower.



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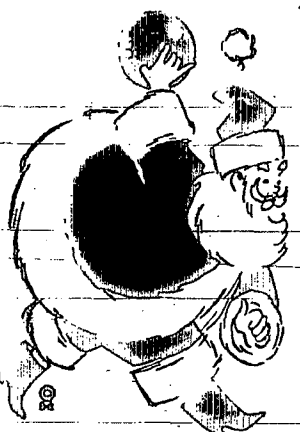
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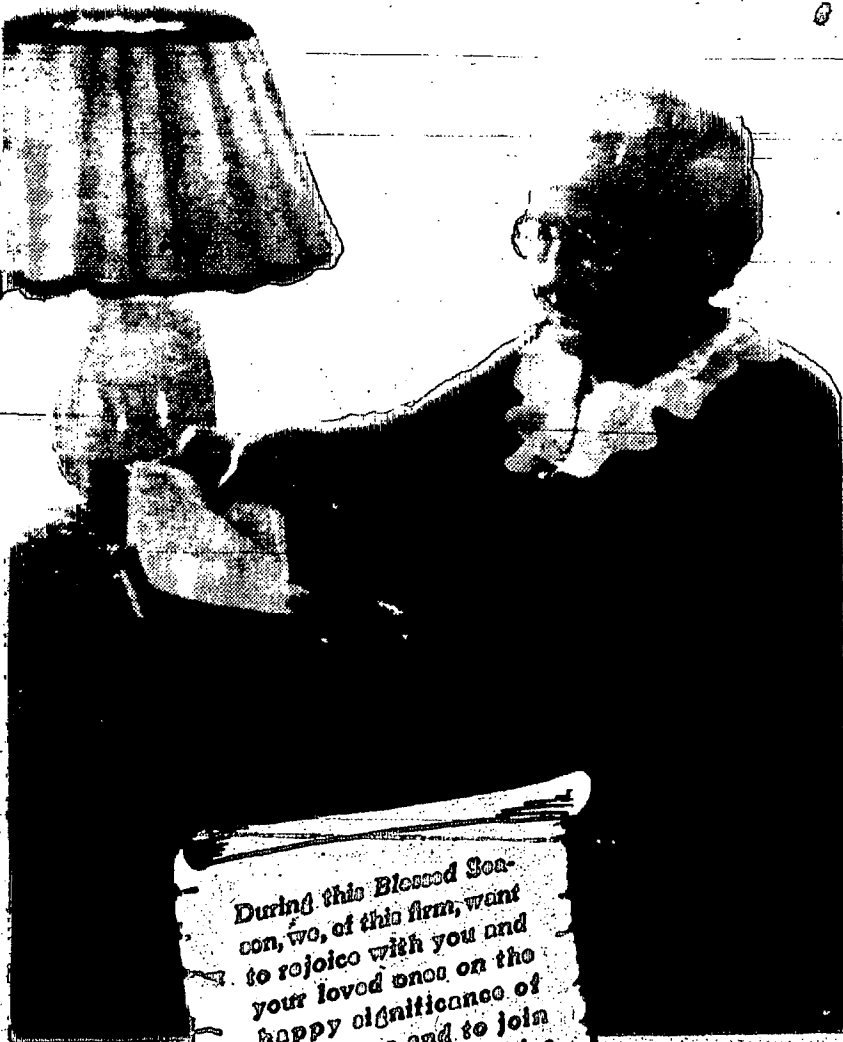
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GUESS WHO... Everybody is impersonating Santa or Mrs. Santa these days. Here Hilda Estaves gives her impersonation of Mrs. Santa Claus—and while it may not resemble a reasonable facsimile, the gift-laden pack on Hilda's back may give a vague clue.

Grandfather Frost Is Russian Santa

Christmas in Russia? Behind the Iron Curtain it's Grandfather Frost who delights the children.

Grandfather Frost (really an actor from the Moscow stage) was revived by the Russians two years ago. Through most of the month of January thousands of Russian children dance around a fir tree in St. George's Hall and may shake hands with Grandfather Frost, the Russian Santa Claus.

Grandfather Frost entertains the children with the aid of singers, dancers and variety artists from the theaters. Last year, for the first time, American correspondents were admitted to the Kremlin to see one of the gatherings.

SAVE THE TREE

If your tree holder is the type that allows the butt of the tree to rest in water, you can help keep needles from dropping by dissolving plant food in the water. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebble or rock with a plant food solution. Use one teaspoonful of plant food (or one plant food tablet) to each gallon of water in the container.

Mistletoe, the most popular New Year's and Christmas green, has been an emblem of purity, friendship and goodwill since ancient Greek times. Ancient Britons revered it as a symbol of protection from evil spirits.

Burning of trees on "Twelfth Night" is an outgrowth of the special observance by early Christians on the last day of a twelve-day celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of Christ.

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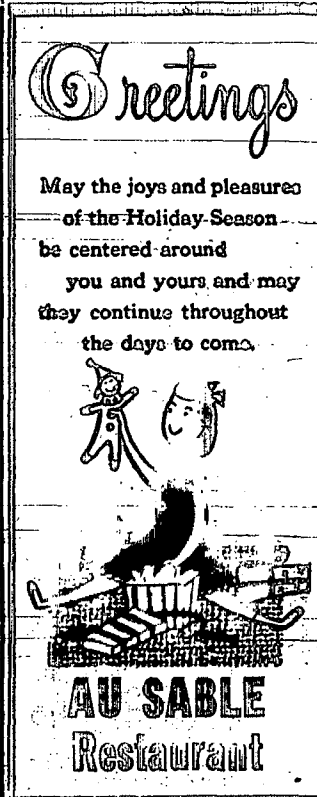
NEW ADDITION... Santa Claus (or a reasonable facsimile thereof) fondles a new member of his reindeer team presented to him by proud mama, Blitzen (left). This was the first fawn born to the group of Alaskan Reindeer last year from Alaska to Santa's workshop in North Pole, New York.

Harvesting Trees Big Christmas Business

While the sale of Christmas trees to the consumer is conducted entirely in the few weeks just prior to Christmas, the harvesting, processing and shipping of the trees may begin as much as three months before Christmas.

Approximately 25 per cent of the retail price of a Christmas tree is the stumpage price; trees retailing for about 25 cents per lineal foot will be worth about 6 cents on the stump and could wholesale for from 10 cents to 15 cents per lineal foot. Total number of trees distributed in the United States is about 30 million.

There are at least 10 important Christmas tree associations and groups representing the industry in the United States and approximately 5,000 individuals and firms are registered as retailers and wholesalers of Christmas trees in the United States.



Greetings

May the joys and pleasures of the Holiday Season be centered around you and yours and may they continue throughout the days to come.



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APPEARING O And it came to pass: long ago in the land of Judea, in the city of Bethlehem—so begins a true and interesting story. O The king made a decree that all the world should be taxed, or enrolled. Family after family journeyed to their own city. O Joseph and Mary, a young couple, must go to Bethlehem, the City of David. The very last place they could find to stay was in a stable. While they were there a most wonderful thing came to pass. O God had said to Mary: "Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favor with God and shall bring forth a Son and shall call His name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the son of the Most High." That night while in the stable God gave Mary this Promised Child. God's holy Son came to earth in a most lowly way to show His Father's love. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

BLESSING O What did the appearing of God's Son mean to the world? This wonderful Gift is for all, and He brings blessings to all who receive Him. O Is He blessing YOUR life? Man is not redeemed by the perfect life of the Lord Jesus, but by His sacrifice. God's Son poured out His life on the Cross; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Because of this GIFT, both saved and unsaved are blessed; but only those who receive Him unto their own hearts have the blessing of eternal life. O Will you, at this Christmas time, open your heart and receive this blessed Gift?

CHEER O Yes! Christmas is a day of cheer. The angel said to the shepherds on the Judean hill that night in the long ago: "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people for unto you is born... a Saviour which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10,11). What cheer! What hope! To all who believe Christmas is truly a day of cheer. O What does Christmas mean to YOU? Won't you turn to Christ, who alone can make your heavy heart light? "Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus—Come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

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We celebrate the birthday of our King—the birthday of the Child born at Bethlehem centuries ago. With this birth came faith... faith in mankind... faith in eternal happiness. Let us today renew this faith... it is the one path to lasting peace and good will to all men.



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May the Star of Bethlehem that guided the
wise men to the Christ Child shine for you
again this Christmas. May its light of
promise gleam softly and steadily over this
beloved land of ours. May it lead us to
greater wisdom and goodness in our deal-
ings one with another. In expressing our
Christmas wish may we also add our sin-
cere thanks for all past courtesies.



the pink lady

Christmas Tree
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Forestry Programs

That beautiful Christmas tree you've purchased for your living room this Christmas needn't cause any qualms of conscience if you're the type who worries about the effect of the Christmas tree business on our forests.

The fact that yours is one of 31 million trees used for holiday decorations this year makes it seem that our forests are in great peril, but such is not the case. In fact, at least half of these trees are coming from sources that did not harm or actually improved the forest land they occupied when cut.

Foresters who grow saw-log trees generally divide cut-over land into four classes and Christmas-tree land is the lowest classification. It won't grow good forests, but is ideal for Christmas trees since it barely supports tree life.

The tree, in its struggle to exist, throws out quick and frequent branches. On such land are the Christmas-tree farms, such as one operated at Tacoma, Washington, by Paul Kirk, the "Christmas tree king." Kirk distributes 4 to 5 million trees a year and keeps several times that number growing.

The last two or three weeks before Christmas are about the busiest of the year for Paul Kirk, for his carefully grown trees must arrive at their destinations on time. It isn't unusual for him to tour dozens of cities checking on shipments before he gets home at the last moment to gather with his family around the Kirks' huge white-sprayed tree.

Medieval Dinner
Once Was Popular
Custom For Coeds

Eating peas with a knife is contrary to Emily Post and doesn't seem to have much qualification for observance as a Christmas tradition, but for more than 28 years coeds at Pennsylvania State University partook of a fork-less meal each Yule season.

The traditional medieval dinner, complete with everything from costumed lords and ladies to the legendary boar's head, dated back to 1919, finally had to be cancelled when coed ranks swelled to almost 1,000.

The affair, sponsored by the Women's Student Government Association, began with a formal procession through the dining hall. Lord and Lady McAllister—the dinner was held in McAllister Hall—led the throng, which included noble lords and ladies, heralds, a poet, a cardinal, pages, and two jesters bearing the boar's head.

All these rich were appropriately costumed and sat upon a raised dais in the center of the holly-bedecked room, which was illuminated by candlelight.

A choir furnished Christmas music, and the poet entertained the guests by reading Old English poetry from a scroll. In accordance with medieval custom, no forks or napkins were allowed, although guests sometimes secreted them in their pockets. The menu consisted of roast pork, mashed potatoes, peas, and a very rich plum pudding.

Today's students eat a special Christmas dinner before going home for vacation—but it's served "sissy" style. They're allowed a full complement of table utensils.

Observance Grew
With Christianity

The observance of Christmas as we know it today is one of joy and peace, making it difficult for us to realize that the holiday has not always been universally recognized and observed.

When Pope Gregory sent out missionaries in 601 A. D., he told them to let pagan converts worship the harmless features of their festivals into the spiritual fabric of Christmas observance.

The popularity of the Christmas observance grew with the progress of Christianity, but there were setbacks. Abuses of Christmas reached such a pitch in feudal England that the Puritan Parliament outlawed the holiday in 1644. The observance declined until the middle of the 18th century when Charles Dickens published his heart-warming "Christmas Carol."

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Tips on Choosing
Christmas Tree
That Will Last

If your Christmas tree shed needles all over the living room last year, chances are you weren't careful enough in buying a "fresh" tree.

Touch-typing will help you pick a choicier tree. You can tell by the feel which trees are better able to withstand the hot stage indoors.

If twigs and foliage aren't reasonably resilient or needles feel dry and crumbly, better pass up the tree. Chances are it will look like a hatrack before Christmas day.

And if you're not quite sure by the touch method, bang the butt of the tree sharply on the floor. A shower of needles will tell you if the tree's drying out, even before you get it home. Of course, the way the tree looks is an important factor, but an attractive tree that will lose its beauty in short order is hardly a bargain.

The ideal holiday tree boasts the traditional pyramid shape, with lush branches reaching to the base. The two favorites in the market places are Balsam fir and Norway spruce. The slower-growing Balsam fir is more expensive than the spruce, but it retains its beauty longer indoors.

Making Your Own
Holiday Decorations
Adds To Pleasure

Make your holiday decorations and you will not only save money, you'll have fun.

A kissing ring for a doorway can be made by covering two embroidery hoops with ribbon or tinsel. Place them at right angles to each other and add a bell, ball ornament or sprig of mistletoe inside. Attach a bow at the bottom if you wish. Instead of embroidery hoops, you may use can rings painted with gilt or tempera paints.

Evergreen branches can be used in many ways. Have you ever tried covering the wood moulding about a door with them? Or bending a wire coat hanger into a circle and attaching greens to it to form a wreath? You can add ball ornaments or bright cranberries to brighten it a bit.

Then how about decorating your windows and mirrors? Cotton, white spray paint or white paper snowflakes always look pretty. But if there's an artist in your family, why not have him paint a scene of a jolly Santa on a window or mirror with tempera paints?



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How often at Christmas time have you experienced that panicky feeling that comes when you discover you've forgotten someone? It happens nearly every year.

You can, however, save yourself a good deal of embarrassment by having gifts wrapped and on hand in case someone drops by with a gift for you—someone accidentally omitted from your gift list.

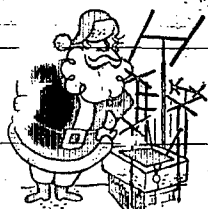
A safe bet and a gift that will be appreciated is something that you, yourself, have made—perhaps seasonal cookies and candies, nuts, and stuffed fruits. These are gifts with a particularly personal touch. And that, after all, is what the spirit of Christmas giving should be—giving a little of yourself to others.

You can pack your handwork in wooden or earthenware bowls, a flower pot, small basket, or inexpensive cake or loaf pan. Other handy and inexpensive packaging items are oatmeal boxes, coffee cans, or paper plates covered with gay paper.

A gaily wrapped package makes even the smallest gift look good. The odd ends of wallpaper, brightly colored magazine covers, shelf paper or scraps of material.

If you have a favorite candy, cookie or fruit or nut bread recipe, use it, by all means. And for an additional touch, tuck a copy of your pot recipe into your gift.

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SAINT NICHOLAS . . . The remaining bones of famed St. Nicholas are preserved in the museum of Antalya in Southern Turkey. Most of the Christmas saint's remains were stolen by pirates almost a century ago. An old portrait of the saint is at the back.



NEW YORK SPECTACULAR . . . Among the brightest Christmas displays anywhere is the annual Rockefeller Center arrangement. In this display flickering bulbs are set into 300 giant red and white tapers in the channel gardens while the tree, symbol of peace and good will, lights up the surroundings.



The progress of Christianity—and our civilization as well—has been accompanied by the far-reaching message of the bells—bells that call the reverent to worship, that herald the approach of a holiday or commemorate a great or blessed event.

But, particularly at Christmas time is the message of the bells most effective. From the echoing ring of the bell in a small mission church to the resounding peal that comes forth from massive cathedral towers, the bells tell of joy and peace and call to the world to come and adore.

Older themselves than the story they tell at Christmas, bells were first used to sound the alarm in fire or tumult. Rich burghers jealously guarded their bells and used them to rally their followers when danger threatened.

Bishop Paulinus of Nola in southern Italy is commonly credited with introducing the first church bells about 431 A. D., when he put up a huge copper kettle on the roof of his church and struck it with a hammer. Before that, a crier had announced services by running through the streets ringing a hand bell.

From Italy, the idea spread to France and thence to England. Not until the 11th Century did bells appear in the towers of German and Swiss churches. Competition among bell casters developed the bells in size, quality of tone and beauty. A founder had to be a metallurgist, designer and musician as well. The race for bigger and better bells went on until a bell was cast in Russia that proved to be too heavy for machinery to lift into place.

Cast in 1773, in Moscow, it is the **Czar Kolokol**. It weighs 180 tons, measures 20 feet in height, 22 feet in diameter, and is 23 inches thick. Many costly but futile attempts were made to hoist it into place. China, the mother of many things cast the first great bell in 1308. Weighing 53 tons, it hangs in the Big Bell Temple in Peking. Another large bell, 15 tons, is suspended in the ancient Buddhist temple in Japan. The chimes of St. Michael's in Charleston, S. C., are probably the most traveled bells, having crossed the Atlantic seven times because of ownership changes or to be recast. They last crossed the Atlantic in 1865.



May hope and peace, and above all,
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happy season; and may unhappiness be
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The evergreen bough, mistletoe and holly used as Christmas decorations have been associated with ceremony and curious custom for thousands of years.

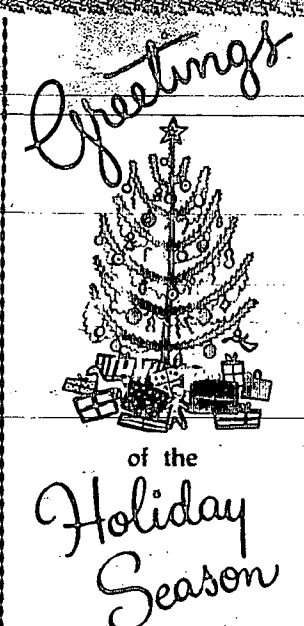
Ancient Romans raised an evergreen branch at the December festival of Saturnalia, honoring the god of sowing.

Long before the Christian era, Tuatons and Scandinavians held the mistletoe sacred and hung it over their doorways as charms. They also worshipped the oak and their priestly Druids brought in a great Yule log at the feast of the winter solstice and lighted it from a brand of the log of the year before.

In parts of Europe the first trees used for Christmas decorations were dormant branches of fruit trees. They were brought indoors several weeks before Christmas and forced into bloom by Christmas time. Holly, the subject of many superstitions, was also used because its prickly leaves were thought to represent the Saviour's crown and its red berries drops of blood.

In parts of Sicily an olive tree is decorated today with oranges. In some countries flowers are used instead of evergreens, in keeping with a story told all over medieval Europe that on the night of the Nativity the trees of the forest, though cloaked in ice and snow, burst into bloom and bore fruit.

All over the world this Christmas each country will celebrate the occasion in its traditional way.



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If the Yuletide Season brings

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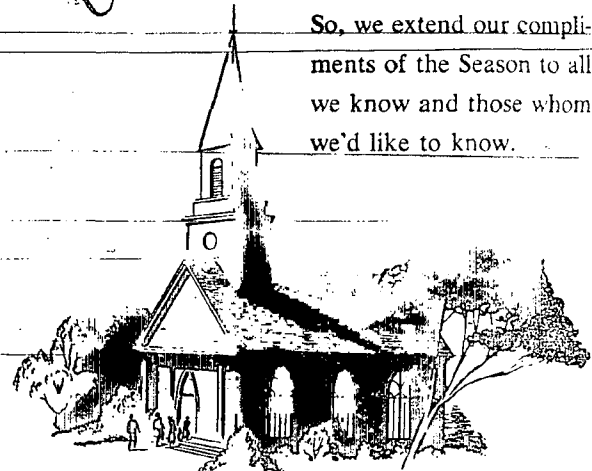
be just cause for rejoicing.

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It's wonderful to find, in the midst of things, a season like Christmas time, when all are thinking of peace on earth, good will to men. It's a happy time . . . a time for friendly greetings and good wishes.

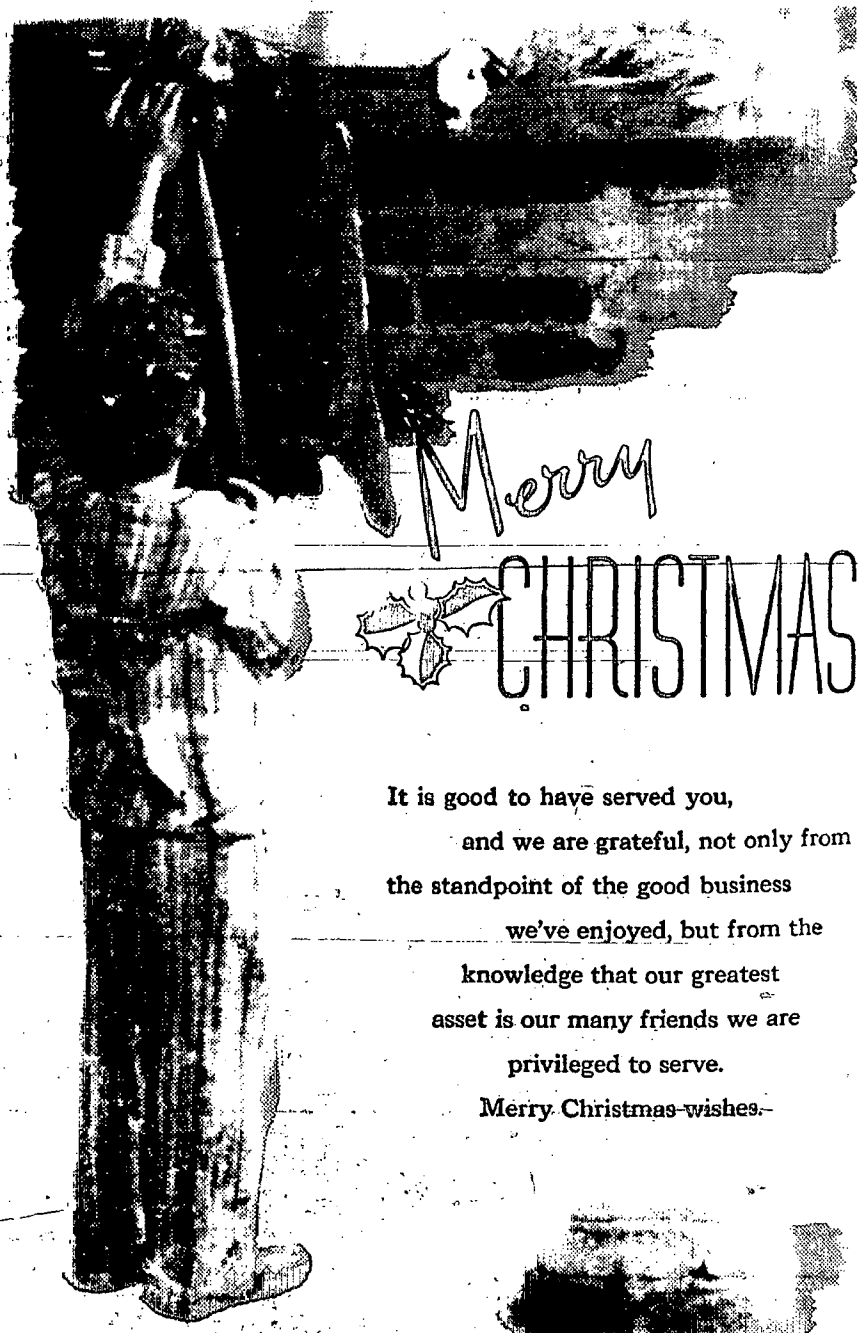
So, we extend our compliments of the Season to all we know and those whom we'd like to know.



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JACK PINE'S STUMP

"I don't know WHAT to get Junior for Christmas, he just doesn't seem to appreciate anything. Junior came from a wealthy family and every Christmas he was deluged with presents and, sad but true, when asked what he had received for Christmas, he didn't know. To him, toys were just so many 'things' to be piled together in a heap, each losing its own identity in a money-mad crash. And he was never satisfied."

"I don't know what we'll get Junior for Christmas this year. We just can't afford anything at all. Hard times had fallen on this other family and they were stone broke. But somehow they managed to get enough money to buy a very small and very cheap toy for Junior. With loving care and a few tears in their eyes, they put it under the tree. On Christmas morning Junior was transfixed with joy. In the midst of his playing with the toy, he got up, came over to where his parents sat, and hugging them, said, 'This is the bestest Christmas ever.'"

"Dragnet," the television program, has a lovely Christmas story every year. It will be a most interesting experience to see this touching true tale of a young boy, a couple of weeks ago Jack Pine suggested Loretta Young's "The Little Angel" as a good and appropriate Christmas story. A letter from Robert P. Fritz of radio station WATC in Grayling says that this fine presentation will be broadcast over that station at 4:30 p. m. Christmas day. Hope you're listening."

"I believe in Santa Claus. As long as there is hope and there is always hope, there will always be a Santa Claus. As long as there is love, there will always be a Santa, as long as there are children, there will always be a Santa, as long as there is whimsy, there will always be a Santa. For Santa Claus is the realization of all things, the answer to a lost and struggling adult as much as to the wide-eyed, cheeked, giggling youngster. Santa Claus is fun, he is hope, he is love, he is eternal, he is a big, fat, red, laughing manifestation of all that is good and lasting. Yes, I believe in Santa Claus. I believe in the future because I believe in the inherent goodness of mankind. And no one can take my beliefs away from me."

Some while ago I was asked what I was going to write about in the Christmas column. I said that I really didn't know, but that I was open to suggestions. "Why don't you write about what you'd like to see happen in Grayling?" was the reply. I said that I felt that that sort of column wouldn't be in keeping with Christmas; but we were talking about different things. So here are a few hopes and wishes for Christmas.

I hope that no one tells a child there isn't a Santa Claus; I hope that no one gets hurt or sick during Christmas; I hope that Christmas parties are sober and dedicated to some useful purpose; I hope your family can be together for Christmas; I hope you receive lots of Christmas cards with religious themes; I hope you get what you REALLY want for Christmas; I hope your prayers are answered; I hope no one is mean or petty or grouchy or talks about other people; I hope no one is tired; I hope all the stores are closed Christmas day; I hope we have clean snow, but I hope the men who plow the streets can be with their families; I hope everyone has enough to eat; I hope no one is in jail; I hope the poor are taken care of; I hope that the children are happy, and don't need any spanking; or if they do, I hope the parents don't spank them. I hope that every one feels as fortunate and happy as I do with my family; I hope that every one remembers those who have passed away; I hope that every one reads the Christmas story in the Bible; I hope that you find your greatest Christmas happiness in the happiness of others; I hope that God blesses us all, each according to our needs. A truly joyous Christmas to you all from JACK PINE.

Former Summer Resident Passes On At Flint

Edward Creque of Holly, former summer resident both on the AuSable River and Lake Michigan, and the brother-in-law of Sam Buschman of Grayling, died at a Flint hospital last Saturday evening.

Funeral services were held in that city at 10 A. M. on Tuesday morning. Further particulars were not available at this time.

Winter Sports Park Ready Saturday

The Grayling Winter Sports Park will definitely be open this Saturday for skating and skiing, it was announced by Russell Carlson, Winter Sports president.

Tows were to be operating last week end but a power failure on lines feeding the park made it impossible to run the tow motors, Carlson explained.

At a meeting Monday evening, the board of directors awarded the food concession at the warming lodge to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clemens who have operated the luncheon service for the past several years. They also required Stewart Atwell of Cass City to again head the ski instruction. Atwell will be here each week end during the season.

Park memberships are now on sale at the park, the City Office, the Chamber of Commerce office or at Grayling Mercantile Co. Store, it was announced. Rates are \$25.00 for a full-family membership, \$15.00 for a single membership, \$10.00 and student membership \$5.00. Membership gives tow privileges and a 5c reduction on each toboggan ride. Tow fees are \$2.00 per day for a person, \$1.00 for a child. A skier can save considerable money by being a member.

On January 28 and 29, a group of 100 Boy Scouts from Lansing will be here for winter sports with another group of 150 Explorer Scouts of the Paul Bunyan Council here on January 21 and 22. On January 15, two school bus loads of Detroit students will be here—and next—Wednesday, December 28, a church group of 50 young people will be at the park.

Kiwanis Club Notes

Monday night's meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling was held at the Sorenson's Dining Room with first vice president Willard Cornell presiding. President Les Hunter had a group of other Kiwanians were in Marion meeting with that club which finished up an inter-club meeting with every club in the District this year by Grayling.

The program made up of committee reports by Dr. J. F. Cook on the Christmas program and Herbert Wolff on the Christmas tree lot. Chairman of the various committees for next year met following the reports. The next year's president Cornell in a short organizational session. Following this all members went to the High School where joined by members of the Grayling Women's Club, Christmas gifts were wrapped and packed for Saturday evening delivery.

The club will meet next at 6:15 p. m. on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Palmer Agency Marks 50th Anniversary

On December 12, the Palmer Insurance Agency, 900 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, marked its fiftieth anniversary as a representative of The American Insurance Company, Newark, New Jersey.

In honor of the occasion, Raymond L. Jennings, The American's State Agent at Flint, presented the agency with an illuminated scroll announcing the agency's 50th anniversary. The scroll was presented by the agency's president, J. C. Vitt, President of The American, sent a personal letter to the firm expressing appreciation for the fifty years of loyal representation.

The late Oscar Palmer first established the agency in December, 1905, and the late O. P. Schumann took it over in 1924. The present agency was established in 1950, and was a gift from the Schumann estate.

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE THURSDAY NOON

Grayling schools will close Thursday noon, December 22nd, for Christmas, and reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 1956.

SERVICES HELD FOR CARL MAINS

Funeral services for Carl Mains 56, of South Branch township Crawford county, were held at the Steuermann Funeral home in Roscommon Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Edison Cummings officiated at the rites and burial was in the Pioneer cemetery at South Branch.

Mrs. Mains died suddenly at her home in Roscommon on December 22, 1955. She was 56 years old. A former resident in Flint, he formerly resided in Flint. He is survived by his widow, Beulah; a daughter, Mrs. Cora Gardner, of Roscommon; three grandchildren; and a brother, Sam Mains, of Battle Creek.

The Mrs. Mains enjoyed their office Christmas party at 10 A. M. on Tuesday, December 27, which were exchanged by the group.

Grayling Bowling League

Men's League

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Dec. 13, 1955

1 Baringer's	37
2 Spike's Keg	36
3 National BOH	36
4 Drewrys	33
5 Hanson Chevrolet	33
6 Peterson Hdw & Lum	33
7 Vita Boy	30
8 Bear Archery	29
9 Millikin Construction	27
10 Mull's Motel	27
11 Smiggins Diggins	24
12 Welsh Motor Sales	24
13 AuSable River Inn	24
14 Johnson Oil Co.	23
15 American Legion	20
16 St. Marys	12

Team high series: Drewrys 2587

Vita Boy 2487, Baringer's 2463,

Nat'l BOH 2418, AuSable Inn 2379

National BOH 2322, Vita Boy 856,

Drewrys 852, AuSable Inn 852.

High series: Denton 591,

Deckrow 588, Dave Cook 550,

Falling 544, Shafer 528.

High single: Denton 233,

Deckrow 224, Shafer 228, Falling

211, M. Nielson 210.

Five high averages: M. Nielson

175, Denton 173, Snook

168, Jarmine 168.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Dec. 15, 1955

1 Bear Archery	-----
2 Spike's Keg	-----
3 Dawson's	-----
4 Hope	-----
5 Strohs	-----
6 Pure Oil Station	-----
7 Dad's Spt. Gds.	-----
8 Marshall's Motel	-----
9 Ausable River Inn	-----
10 Dingmans Tavern	-----
11 Sals Gals	-----
12 Lozon's Store	-----
13 Olson's Shoes	-----
14 Drewrys	----- 17
15 Grayling Merc.	-----
16 Cadillac Overall	----- 16

Women's League

RECREATION LEAGUE

Dec. 14, 1955

Ind high single: Ann Bonar 18	
K. Shafer 187, V. Middleton 18	
B. Young 180, E. Burch 177.	
Ind high series: E. Burch 50	
E. Marshall 462, A. Bonar 451,	
Young 445, E. Wilcox 444.	
B.	
NORTHWOOD LEAGUE	
Dec. 18, 1955	
1 Sorenson IGA	34
2 Tip Top Togs	
3 Plaza Grill	
4 Hansons	
5 AuSable Insurance	
6 Weavers	
7 Burns Hdwe.	
8 Wayside Inn	
9 Alley Kats	

NORTHWOOD LEAGUE

Dec. 18, 1955

14	Petershels	16
15	Black & White	
16	Shafer's Acres Motel	
Team high single: Plaza 803-783		
Burns 771, Ten Pin Pals 738, Tip		
Top Togs 725, E. Miller 716.		
Team high series: Plaza 2324,		
Burns 2172, Weavers 2105, Ten		
Pin Pals 2099, Tip Top Togs 2066.		
High single: B. Beauchamp		
188, J. Rasmussen 186, L. Gould		
184, C. Sorenson 182, J. Miller 177		
High series: B. Beauchamp		
592, J. Rasmussen 507, J. Miller		
478, C. Sorenson 469, L. Gould		
465.		

WHAT - WHERE - WHEN

Dec. 21 — P. T. A. meeting, new gym. 8 P. M.

Jan. 5 — Our Gang at Lucille Hovos. Contact Ida Papendick for rides.

Jan. 9 — L. N. L. Camp Wagner No. 10. Installation at Grange Hall.

Jan. 9 — Woman's Club and Kiwanis contact potluck at M. M. Church.

Jan. 11 — Past Presidents, L. N. L. Camp Wagner No. 10 meet at Bonnie Wakeley's 1330 P. M.

Second and fourth Wednesday nights — Crawford County Chamber of Commerce director's meeting. Members welcome at first meeting of each month.

Vikings Meet With First Defeat, Continue Loop Play

Yule Judging Now Underway

Judging for the winners of the City of Grayling sponsored Christmas holiday lighting and decoration contest is now underway. Judges are being furnished by the Ottawa County Chamber of Commerce. The judging got underway Tuesday and will continue through to next Tuesday, City Manager Russell Carlson has announced.

There will be 20 prizes, a sum totaling \$160.00. First prize is \$20 with a prize for both commercial and residential class. Second prize is \$15 to the winner in each class and third prize is \$10 for men class winner. There will be seven honorable mentions in each class worth \$5 each.

To be eligible the home owner who is decorating his home, must be connected with the City of Grayling for at least some of the utilities. Those living outside of the city limits will still be considered eligible in the contest providing they use Grayling city-produced power. The only residents who are not eligible for the prizes are members of the City Council and employees of the City.

Chamber Moves On Indiana Guard Dispute

The Crawford County Chamber of Commerce in a letter to Governor G. Mennen Williams seeks an audience with him and are attempting to iron out the difficulties in connection with the Indiana National Guard coming to Camp Grayling next summer.

The following letter was written to the Governor by Secretary-Manager William Turner and was approved by the Chamber's Board of Directors. The movement was started after Turner had surveyed the Grayling businessmen and found them earnestly in favor of Indiana's return.

December 14, 1955.

G. Mennen Williams, Governor of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Governor Williams:

It was brought to my attention on December 6th, that a directive was sent by the Military Board of the National Guard to the Quarter Master General of Indiana, which states, "no out of State Troops will be permitted to use Camp Grayling during the months of July and August, 1956." The reason for this being, we do not know. However, while talking with not only our local business people but also the business people of four adjoining counties, we find them very disturbed.

Crawford County has always

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3 Grayling Men At School Meet

Rev. R. C. Puffer, County School Superintendent John MacAuley and Grayling Superintendent of Schools J. B. Bost attended the meeting of the Northern Michigan Administrators Association at Boyne City last Thursday. The group includes administrators from 19 counties in Northern Michigan. Membership of over 80. Due to the heavy snow fall in some areas only about 40 attended the meeting.

Three delegates who took part in the Washington White House conference last month gave their reports. Members of this group in cluded Rev. Puffer, who acted as chairman, Mr. Johnson of the Bell Telephone Co. in Petoskey and Mr. Bird, superintendent of schools in Cadillac. They described the conference and gave a report on the topics discussed in Washington.

After the delegates finished their reports a general discussion took place. The problem of financing new schools and providing teachers for them was a topic that took up a great deal of time. Local, State and Federal support of school building was discussed. The general opinion seemed to be that for immediate relief we will probably have to have a Federal Program for new schools, even though it is not as desirable as local and state programs.

The \$8.00 per child added state aid for this year was also discussed rather lengthy. This was supposed to give each teacher in Michigan a \$200 cost of living increase. All of the meeting was held out of about 35 schools only two would get enough for this. The poll also indicated that Northern Michigan teachers would not get \$200—but that they would get \$100.

Not considerable more. By law, the money must be spent for salaries and local School Boards will have to fill a statement to that effect.

Woman's Club

About 20 members of the Woman's Club and Kiwanis turned out for the Christmas gift wrapping at the High School Monday night. A large number of toys, which had been donated by the people of Crawford County, were being packed in manual training class under the direction of Wesley Kumpul, and clothing bought by the Welfare Committee of the Woman's Club, were wrapped and tied for delivery on Christmas Eve. This will be done by Santa Claus with the aid of his Kiwanian helpers. Members of the Welfare Committee included Mrs. Carl Richardson, Mrs. Barney Engel, Mrs. Glen Eason and Mrs. Josephine Cincala. Cake and coffee were served in the home making room at the conclusion of the evening.

Mt. Hope Xmas Service Thursday, December 22nd

The children of Mt. Hope Lutheran Sunday School will hold their annual Christmas Service on Thursday, December 22nd, at 7:30 p. m. The children's Christmas Service is entitled, "Christmas Eve Service." In this service the children will journey once more to that holy night in which Christ was born to share with their parents, friends and relatives the wonders of their Savior's birth.

Immediately following the service the children will be presented with Christmas gifts from the congregation. Light refreshments will then be served by the ladies of the church. The public is invited to join the children and their parents in the worship of the Christ child.

G. O. C. Shown Film

The G. O. C. met last Thursday at the Legion Hall. A business meeting came first, with Corps assistants and Herbert Wolff, Jr. This was followed by a social meeting, during which a movie entitled "Wings Over Germany" was shown by Mr. Wolff, which was intended to teach Corps members how to identify the various types of planes, and to show what enormous damage bombers can do. Five new members were staged up for the G. O. C. They were Mark Sheehy, Robert Tinker, Clayton Hildebrand, Jim Barker and Mrs. Laura Tinker.

Those who have qualified for their wings this week were Mrs. Evelyn Gillman, Miss Elaine Gos, Mrs. Goldie Moore, Mrs. Lillian Ryan and Mrs. Thelma McWilliams.

Alice Pratt, Chief Observer

Avalanche Office To Be Closed Next Week

The office of the Crawford County Avalanche will close at noon this Saturday and remain closed until Tuesday morning, January 3rd.

A newspaper will be issued on December 29th, however. This being the New Year's edition which will contain a review of news of Crawford County during 1955. Babson's predictions for 1956 and the other usual news features. This closing will allow a short but much-needed vacation for the staff. News or other information you desire to be published may either be mailed to the office or slipped through the slot in the office door.

Legion Fetes Kids Friday

The Tenth annual Grayling Post 106, American Legion's Kiddies Christmas party will be held in the new meeting room of the new Legion Post building on US-27 on Friday afternoon, December 23rd.

This will be the first such party to be held at the new Legion Building as the preceding nine Christmas fetes have been held in the old Legion Hall on Peninsula avenue now occupied by the Crawford County Chamber of Commerce.

The kids party will take place in the newly constructed Legion meeting and dining hall which was just finished this fall. In view of the larger quarters this year's party will be held in only five sections where as last year's yuletide treat for the kiddies was of necessity divided into seven groups due to limited space.

The party will get underway at 1 p. m. with all children from three years old and children up to and including the 5th grade from the Frederic School, Lovells, Maple Forest and Frederic Townships.

At 1:45, the Legion will entertain all children from three years old and up to and including the 5th grade from Feldhauser, Beaver Creek and South Branch school districts and townships.

At 2:30 p. m., the little guests will include all children three and four years old and their mothers from Grayling.

At 3:15 p. m., all kindergarten, first and second graders from the Grayling schools will have their turn and at 4:00 p. m., all third, fourth and fifth graders from the Grayling Schools will make up the last group to be parted by the Legion.

As in past years, the kiddies can expect to have their fill of all kinds of goodies, enjoy some singing of traditional Christmas songs and, of course, the big moment—a chance to meet Santa Claus who will have a gift for each and every child.

250 HEAR CHRISTMAS CANTATA

About two hundred fifty people enjoyed the program presented Monday night in the new gym by Mrs. Roy Milnes at the Grayling Glee Club, and the Grayling Band. A few last-minute changes had to be made in the program because of illness. The solo, "In the Watches of the Night," was sung by Mary Richardson instead of Marilyn Burch, and the solo, "Jesus, Our Lord," was rendered by Bonnie Meaker instead of Irene Horning. Following the Glee Club cantata, the Band presented three numbers. A presentation by the two organizations combined concluded a most enjoyable evening. The names of Miss Constance Owens and Nancy Wilcox were somewhat omitted in last week's listing of the Glee Club members.

Name New Foreman At Hartwick Pines

James J. Pavel, Roscommon, has accepted a position as conservation foreman at the Hartwick Pines State Park, Conservation Director Gerald E. Eddy announced today.

Pavel is a veteran of World War II, having served with the U. S. Navy. His family includes his wife, Dorothy, a son, Michael, four and a daughter, Patricia, age one.

Lose To Rayders At Charlevoix, Defeat Cheboygan Chiefs Here

Reserves Keep Win Streak Going At 4

The Grayling High Vikings after ringing up three straight victories this season, finally were tumbled in their fourth appearance last Friday night at Charlevoix.

The Vikings are meeting the Gaylord Blue Devils here this Tuesday night in another Northern Class C conference game which will wind up cage play until after the holiday season. Grayling's first game after the holiday season will be with the Manistota Ironmen at Manistota on Friday, January 6 in another conference fray.

Grayling had little trouble last Tuesday night when, in turning back the Class B Chiefs from Cheboygan as they used their superior height and rebounding both on the defensive and offensive backboards. Friday night at the Charlevoix game, the Vikings were entirely different matter. The Vikings playing under heavy tension, it appeared, let Charlevoix riddle

their sinking zone defense. They also seem to have trouble getting their offensive maneuvers underway probably due to the narrow floor as they were used to the expansive Grayling gym. The Friday night game topped the Vikings into a second place tie in conference play with Charlevoix and Pellston as Boyne City moved up into first by a squeaker Friday night 47 to 46 over the Hornets. East Jordan walloped Harbor Springs and Manistota defeated Gaylord in other Friday night conference games.

On Tuesday here Grayling took a 6 to 4 first quarter lead and moved to a 20 to 12 halftime advantage. In the last half the Vikings struck for 15 and 21 points in each period while the Cheboygan Chiefs scored 13 and 10 respectively.

The Vikings scored their 56 points on 21 field goals and 14 free throws. The Chiefs hit on 14 field goals and 7 foul shots for their 35 total. Grayling made their 14 free throws on 25 attempts while the Chiefs made 7 of 13.

Bob Strong paced the Vikings with 17 points on 7 field goals and 3 foul shots. Bill Kenyon added 7 field goals for 14 points with Lloyd Failing adding 13, Dave Lowe 6 and Bill Schreiber, Tony Doremire and Gary Leslie a field goal each. Richard Bedell with 11 was the Chief's high point man.

On Friday night at Charlevoix Grayling struck for the first score which the Rayders soon got back and then went on out in front to stay there. The Vikings brought the score up to only 7 points behind several times but that was the closest they ever came to getting back in the game. The Rayders scored 16, 10, 18 and 10 in each of the four quarters while the Vikings scored 8, 8, 10 and 7. Strong again headed the Viking scoring column with 5 field goals and 4 foul shots for 14 points. Failing added 10 points, Gary Warden 4, Dave Lowe 3 and Aubrey Welch 2. Guy Swanson with 20 paced the Rayders scoring.

The little Vikings continued their winning ways as they increased their lead to 19 points straight as they defeated the little Chiefs Tuesday 39 to 28 and then took the little Rayders into camp 40 to 38.

Tuesday night, the little Vikings took a 8 to 7 lead in the first quarter and were never headed. Don Roberts with 12 points led the Vikings with Newt Allison adding 7, Oscar Horning, Joe Lowe and Ron Kellogg 4 each and Mudge 2. Beebe with 9 topped the little Chiefs. Friday night, the Viking reserves trailed 5 to 4 at the end of the first period and 19 to 15 at halftime. They moved out in front 25 to 23 at the end of the third period with both teams scoring 5 points in the last canto. Joe Lowe with 19 points was Grayling's big gun. Allison added 6, Horning 7 and Roberts and Mudge 4 each. Ingalls with 18 led the Rayders.

N. C. C. Standings

Team	W	L
Boyne City	3	0
Grayling	2	1
Pellston	2	1
Charlevoix	2	1
East Jordan	1	2
Harbor Springs	1	2
Manistota	1	3
Gaylord	0	3

Frederic Eagles Lose Close One To Mio

The Frederic Eagles lost a real squeaker to the Mio Thunderbolts last Friday night by a 53 to 51 score. Mio, a highly rated team, tripped the Eagles at the free throw line in the final seconds.

Mio took a 13 to 12 lead and then slid to a 30 to 24 halftime deficit as the Eagles turned on the heat. The Thunderbolts outscored Frederic 12 to 10 and 17 to 11 in the final two periods. Larry Boyhman with 12 lead the Eagles with Bob Pratt adding 11, Wayne Winston, John Mertes and Bruce Welch 8 each and Alfie Hummel 2. Caverly with 18 paced the Mio scoring.

The Mio girls likewise just edged the Frederic girls in a preliminary game 31 to 30. Frederic took a 8 to 3 first period lead but trailed 18 to 14 at halftime. Each team hit for 10 points in the third period with Frederic getting 7 to Mio's 4 in the final period. Becky Swarwood with 16 led Frederic with Lorli Schmidt getting 10 and Carol Harris 4. S. Lucas with 14 topped the Mio scoring. The next game for the Eagles is with Fairview there on January 6. A Junior High game will furnish the preliminary.

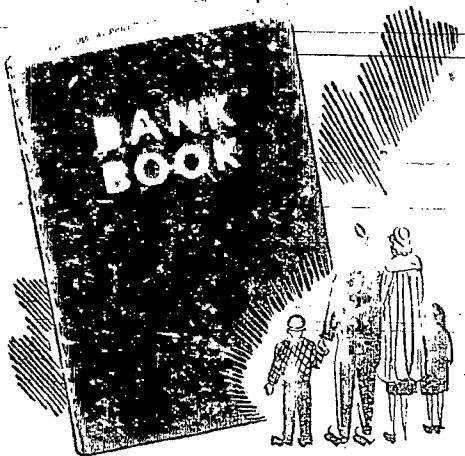
M. M. Church Notice

The Christmas Eve service at the Michelson Memorial Church will be at 7:30 p. m. instead of 7:00 p. m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE
Houghton-Higgins Lodge, B. O. P. Elks, 1982
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Educators Seek To Eliminate Politics From State System

Educators have launched a campaign to remove the last state level tinge of politics from the Michigan system of public schools. They are going about it with the encouragement and the support of the man whose job they want to abolish.

He is Dr. Clair L. Taylor, superintendent of public instruction, who, along with his last two predecessors, want to make the post appointive by an expanded state board of education.

Spearheading the latest attempt is the powerful Michigan Education Association and its executive director, Dr. A. J. Phillips.

"I think we can do it this time," he said.

The plan is to put before the voters in November, 1956, proposals to change the Michigan Constitution to create an eight-member state board of education (from the present six members) which would then appoint the superintendent.

Dr. Phillips said details are being worked out to elect the board on a non-partisan basis.

At present, the board controls Michigan's teacher colleges and fixes policy for the superintendent's office, works on curricula and other matters.

The superintendent, himself, is a schoolman first, the next a politician. He is nominated by political conventions and must campaign like the rest.

"I am in full support of this movement to take the job out of politics," said Taylor.

The reform has arisen and vanished several times in the past decade. One of its latter-day advocates was the "Little Hoover" commission which also wanted to abolish the auditor-general's post.

School districts already are working out the details of distribution for the \$13,500,000 bonanza of sales tax moneys earmarked for salaries and wages by the legislature a month ago.

Now the plans are finally developed will be a gauge of political battles yet to come.

Gov. Williams lost his fight for the legislature to specify that each of Michigan's 51,000 teachers get a flat \$200 increase, when Republicans turned the money over to local school boards with that recommendation.

Taylor made a special plea to local officials to keep the per teacher increase as near \$200 as possible. First reports indicated they would.

Detroit, adding money of its own, said each teacher would get \$200, the same went for Muskegon Heights and Berkley.

"When the final reports are in, I am confident people will be pleased with the distribution," Taylor said.

The extra money came from increased sales tax collections which are earmarked for the schools — two of every three cents. The release of the funds pushed the \$184,000,000 school bill to \$197,500,000, the most ever turned over to schools in one year.

Movies are going to patrol Michigan highways.

That was the promise of State Police Commissioner Joseph Childs as he planned a "saturation patrol" of the high-accident areas in the state.

Officers already are working on an inexpensive camera mount for police cars and determining whether the operation can be handled by one trooper alone or will need two men.

At the same time Childs said he would assign his 200 new troopers to the highway accident areas for the "saturation patrol" which he defined as one police car every 10 miles around the clock.

"A speeder just gets out of the range of one of our cars when he gets into the range of another," he said.

All this will happen before next Memorial Day when the extra troopers are graduated. Schools in the winter and spring will train

the troopers in patrol duties and they will be sent on the road immediately. They will go back to school next fall to finish.

Childs, asked the purpose of the motion-picture cameras, said that the films could be used in cases in which motorists contest tickets in court.

"Besides, if a driver believes he is being watched by a camera, he's going to be more careful," Childs said. "It's psychological but we're ready to try anything to cut down accidents."

Planning money for two new state office buildings — one to house the Michigan Supreme Court and another to house state agencies still renting from private landlords — has been released.

The \$105,000 for plans for the building was delayed for months when Atty. Gen. Thomas M. Kavanagh objected to placing the law library in another building, away from his office.

The new arrangement keeps Kavanagh and the law books in the same building.

Chamber Moves

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been a big booster for the Indiana National Guard Troops. We have found them to be gentlemen, good sportsmen and free spenders, from which of course, the State of Michigan receives its 3% sales tax.

We have figured the deposit slips during the month of July when the Indiana National Guards were here and they as a group would spend upwards of \$100,000.00 in our communities.

In my talks with the Indiana officials, I found them to be very well pleased with the attitude and co-operation of our local business people. We try in every possible way to make their two weeks training and liberty hours in Crawford County as enjoyable as possible. We have always had very good public relations with the Indiana Guards.

Five counties benefit greatly by having the Indiana Guards at Camp Grayling and the people are very much up in arms about this situation and have contacted me voicing their opinions, which I am referring to you.

The months of July and August as far as the tourist business goes have dropped off considerably because everything in Crawford County has been reserved for the National Guard, thereby leaving no room for accommodations for tourists. We have gone all out to accommodate the troops and their families during these two months. It would take a number of years to build up the tourist trade that we have lost due to our accommodating the National Guards.

I would very much like to arrange for an appointment for Mr. William Hines and myself to discuss this matter further. We do not think it of great importance for five counties and wish to get the matter straightened out. Please understand Governor, that there was no reason stated as to why this directive was sent, that is why we wish to be enlightened on the subject.

Very truly yours,
Crawford County,
Chamber of Commerce,
Wm. K. Turner,
Secretary-Manager.

This action was commenced by the Chamber following the receipt of the following letter from Major General H. A. Doherty, Adjutant General of the State of Indiana:

Crawford County
Chamber of Commerce,
Grayling, Michigan.
Dear Sirs:

I was under the impression last year that our combined efforts to have the 88th Division, Indiana National Guard, return to Camp Grayling for their training each year had been finally settled, but on the 2nd of November I received a letter from General Moran, Adjutant General of Michigan, stating that the State Military Board had a meeting on 15 February, 1955, passed a resolution which prohibited the use of Camp Grayling, Michigan, by troops other than the Michigan National Guard during the months of July and August, and further provided that the Camp will not be used by other troops except on the payment of an adequate rent to compensate for all damage, a fair return on the State's investment, and a proportion of the annual operating expenses. This was in answer to a letter I sent to him, as of the Fifth Army at Chicago was desirous of knowing if Grayling would be available to the Indiana troops this coming

summer. The State Military Board of Michigan seems to ignore the fact that the Federal Government reimburses the State of Michigan at the rate of \$9.00 per man for the occupancy of the Camp by our troops. This would amount to approximately \$90,000. You, yourself, I am sure, are also aware of the tourist money which is brought into your locality by the 88th Division and their families. We have always had amicable relations with the military authorities of Michigan and we will be extremely disappointed if we are not allowed to continue the use of the Camp. I do not feel, under the circumstances, that I can with a clear conscience ask Governor Craig of Indiana and our Budget Committee to give the State of Michigan approximately \$50,000, which is, I am sure, their asking price based on last year's appraisal, this of course being in addition to the \$90,000 which would be put up by the Federal Government.

To my knowledge this question of one State paying an other State for the use of a military camp has never arisen before and there is no precedent for it. I talked to General Erickson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D. C., and he was of the same opinion. So much in fact, that I believe Federal funds will be curtailed greatly in the future for the upkeep of this Camp if its reserved solely for Michigan's use.

As a final resort I intend to go to Governor Craig of Indiana to ask him to intercede in our behalf directly with the Governor of Michigan; however, we all would appreciate very much if you and the Chamber of Commerce of Grayling would bring this to the attention of any influential people in your state.

Sincerely yours,
H. A. Doherty,
Major General, Ind. N. G.,
The Adjutant General.

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Thursday, December 22, 1955

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A Real Christmas

Grayling was presented with what should prove a really fine Christmas gift last week when the Michigan High School Athletic Association announced that both a District and Regional basketball tournament would be held in the new Grayling gym in March.

Coming at this time of the year, after winter sports is pretty well buttoned up and prior to the opening of trout season, the tournaments should prove a boon to Grayling's economy. Out of town people attending the at least five nights of play during the two tournaments will spend a considerable amount of money in the town for food, gasoline and other items. It should give our economy a real lift at a time of the year when it is needed the most.

Thus the town will begin to feel the good results of the construction of the new gymnasium-auditorium. It not only has brought a higher spirit amongst the students at Grayling High, but one finds a feeling of pride in the new building amongst the adults.

Sure... that tax bill looked pretty big that came in the mail a few weeks back, but we truly believe that everyone will say it was money well spent in a very short time. A town must progress or die and progress does cost some. Planned in the right way, it will bring back dividends—R.W.S.

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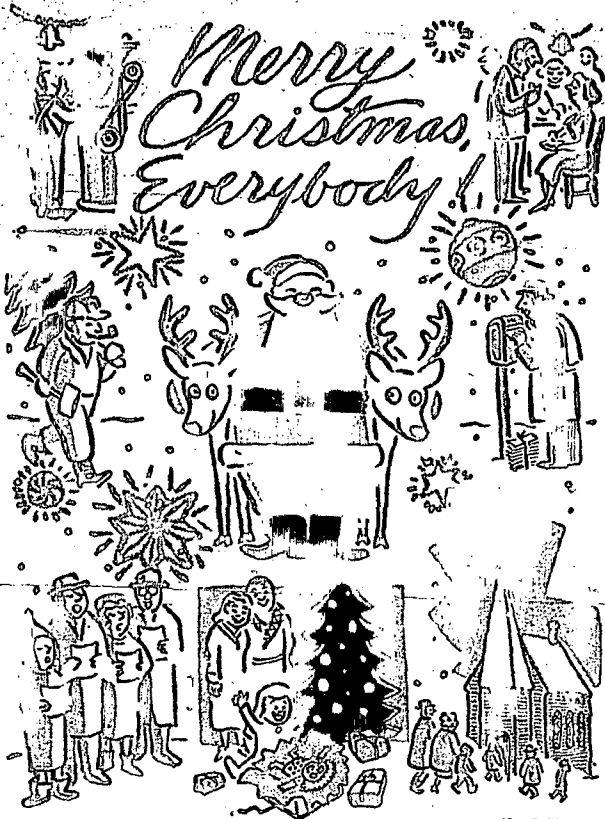
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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVANCECHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

December 22, 1932

Monday evening, after the usual practice, members of the Grayling Band and several visitors enjoyed a Christmas party, sponsored by the ladies of the band. The idea occurred at the Friday night band practice, at which time names were drawn and each member agreed to bring a present for the one whose name was drawn. A nicely decorated Christmas tree graced the platform and furnished a proper setting for "Santa Claus," portrayed by Morgan Paige. When "Santa" called the name shown on a present the recipient went forward and was required to sing, dance, whistle, recite or perform some other act of entertainment before her or she was handed the present. The program contained plenty of variety, and talent was displayed which proved that members of the band are completely versatile and not limited to the one instrument played with the band.

Grayling High Schools' fast-traveling band of basket-tossers took a fall out of Class B competition by handing the Alpena Thunderbolts a 27-22 trimming on the home floor of the defeated team. This game gives the local club their first victory over Alpena in the course of athletic relations between the two schools, and is a satisfying inaugural to this season's competition with the Hastie-coached team. In 1930 the victory went to Alpena when a substitute center shot half the length of the floor to win the game with the last seconds ticking away, and many of the games have been very closely contested. Local fans are assured a real game when Alpena returns here for a chance at revenge on Jan. 27th.

We hope that Santa Claus didn't get himself buried in the Democratic landslide last month. The County Road Commission, in connection with the State Highway Department and the Federal Government, have been working on plans to furnish labor for the unemployed in Crawford County. The outlook at the present time is that certain work will be done on M-93 from the Pines north to connect with the Frederic-Lovells road, in addition to work on some other trunk lines of the County. In this way approximately \$35,000 will be spent for labor from the first of January until October, 1933.

Grayling Winter Sports Park has been favored with the addition of a fine, log-siding cabin, a gift from Grayling Gun Club. This building was constructed a few years ago by the Gun Club and was very little used. For the past two seasons it has stood idle. At the suggestion of Clarence Johnson, president of the Winter Sports association, the Gun Club permitted it to be moved to the Winter park. It will perform a much needed service in its new location. The generosity of the members of the Gun Club is deeply appreciated. The latter is assured of the use of the Winter Sports Park for trap shooting during the summer months if desired.

Miss Bernice Corwin, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Corwin, was very quietly married on October 18th by Rev. Ray Norton at Plymouth, Mich., to Mr. George Hilton of Mason, Miss.

Corwin is a graduate of Grayling High School, class of 1925; also a graduate from the Edward W. Sparrow Hospital Training School for Nurses at Lansing. She also took a term of special training in obstetric work in the Decker Hospital at Chicago. For the past year and a half she has been practicing her profession at the University Hospital in Ann Arbor. Mr. Hilton is employed by the State Department of Highways.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Catlin of Toledo, Ohio, will spend Christmas here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport and Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert spent the latter part of last week in Detroit, where the Doctors attended a medical meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin were hosts to a few friends at their home last Saturday night to celebrate their 13th wedding anniversary.

Officially yesterday, Dec. 21st, was the first day of winter as well as being the shortest day in the year. As far as Grayling is concerned it was one of the mildest days so far this season. Winter really started for us last Friday night when the mercury registered 19 below zero. Miss Jean Peterson were hostesses to a party at the Hanson Hardware club rooms last Saturday evening. About 30 guests enjoyed the music of the "Northmen" who were the mothers of the two girls, Mrs. T. P. Peterson and Mrs. F. R. Welsh served a delicious lunch.

Those from Grayling who followed the High School basketball team to Detroit last Friday evening were: Miss Beatrice Freeman, Miss Margot Monroe, Roger Kneff, Miss Norma Pray and Miss Elma Mae Sorenson.

Michigan's deer hunters returned home November 30 with something of a record, according to the Department of Conservation. Fewer hunters shot more bucks and managed to add down the number of accidents. Accurate figures as to the actual number of hunters going into the woods this fall will not be known for some time, but the Department estimates between 20,000 and 50,000 compared with 58,000 in 1931. They killed approximately 18,000 bucks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Libcke, Miss Agnes Hanson and upward bound to Detroit will be the guests of the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson and family over Christmas.

Mrs. Paul Lovely was surprised on her birthday anniversary on December 19—when some of her neighbors arranged a party in her honor. There were about 30 present and a potluck supper was served. Prizes for pinocle were awarded Mrs. David White for first place and Mrs. Rollo Failing consolation.

Mr. and Mrs. James Carrievau and son of Jackson are expected to spend Christmas in Grayling at the home of Mr. Carrievau's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Carrievau, visiting their daughter, Miss Madonna, and son, Junior, who make their home here and are attending Grayling High School. They will also visit Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sales.

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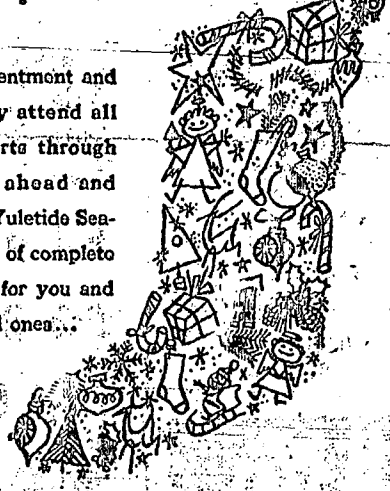
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consideration and after receiving the advice of the Hospital staff, the Advisory Board, and availing themselves of the experience and suggestions of the heads of other institutions, have found it advisable to discontinue the School of Nursing in connection with Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Miss Elsie Burke is now nursing in Mercy Hospital.

School executives of the fifth district met at Shoppenagons Inn at 1 o'clock Monday, where they enjoyed a luncheon, after which they discussed the tax situation facing us as a result of the 15 mills. The principal speaker of the meeting was Mr. Averill of Ferndale. He stressed the fact that something must be done if our local government, City, County and School district were to be able to function. One plan being advocated is to relieve real estate of both School and State Tax, leaving the 15 mills to meet county, township, city and village government, State and School money to be raised by other taxes. In Ohio, the amendment passed last year was much more favorable to the school district than the Michigan amendment. Many school systems are operating only 2 and 3 days a week. Mr. Averill stated the chief functions of school people was to let the people know the exact situation and leave the final solution up to the citizens. If the people feel that our schools are worth while, the schools will run. Otherwise they may as well close first as last.

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Thursday, December 22

2:30—Sign On
2:40—Health & Happiness
3:00—NBC Matinee Theater
3:00—A Date With Life
4:15—First Love
4:30—World of Mr. Sweeney
4:45—Bobo the Hobo
5:00—Deputy Don
5:30—Candid Camera
6:00—News
6:15—Sports Today
6:25—Weather
6:30—Bundy Mtn. Jamboree
7:00—Michigan Outdoors
7:30—Dinah Shore
7:45—News Caravan
8:00—You Bet Your Life
8:30—The Peoples Choice
9:00—Dragnet
9:30—Ford Theatre
10:00—Lux Video Theatre
11:00—Final Edition
11:10—Weather
11:15—Chicago Wrestling

Friday, December 23

2:45—Sign On
2:55—Health & Happiness
3:00—Matinee Theater
4:00—A Date With Life
4:15—First Love
4:30—World of Mr. Sweeney
4:45—Bobo the Hobo
5:00—Deputy Don
5:30—Mr. Wizard
6:00—News
6:15—Sports Today
6:25—Weather
6:30—Linsight
6:45—Movie Museum
7:00—Great Gildersleeve
7:30—Coke Time
7:45—News Caravan
8:00—The Christmas Carol
8:30—Life of Riley
9:00—Big Story
9:30—Star Stage
10:00—Cavaliers of Sports
10:45—Organ Moods
11:00—Final Edition
11:10—Weather
11:15—Million Dollar Movie

Saturday, December 24

3:15—Sign On
3:30—U. of M. TV Hour
4:30—Children's Hour
5:00—The Christophers
5:30—This is the Life
6:00—Christmas Music
6:30—It's a Great Life
7:00—Mayor of the Town
7:30—Big Surprise
8:00—Perry Como Show
9:00—Spectacular
10:30—Your Hit Parade
11:00—Final Edition
11:10—Weather
11:15—Christmas Carol
12:00—Midnight Mass from St. Patrick's

Sunday, December 25

3:00—Sign On
3:15—Christian Science
3:30—Zoo Parade
4:00—Wide, Wide World
5:30—Captain Gallant
6:00—Meet The Press
6:30—Roy Rogers
7:00—Amos 'n Andy
7:30—Frontier
8:00—Variety Hour
9:00—TV Playhouse
10:00—Hockey
10:45—Michigan Conservation
11:00—News
11:05—Justice
11:35—Weather
Monday, December 26
2:45—Sign On
2:55—Health & Happiness
3:00—Matinee Theater
4:00—A Date With Life
4:15—First Love
4:30—World of Mr. Sweeney
4:45—Bobo the Hobo
5:00—Deputy Don
5:30—China Smith
6:00—News
6:15—Sports Today
6:25—Weather
6:30—Linsight
6:45—Movie Museum
7:00—Douglas Fairbanks
7:30—Coke Time
7:45—News Caravan
8:00—Sarcen Dir. Playhouse
8:30—Father Knows Best
9:00—Guy Lombardo Show
9:30—Little Theatre
10:00—This is Your Life
10:30—T. E. A.
11:00—Final Edition
11:10—Weather
11:15—Paul Bunyan Theatre

10:30—Badge 714
11:00—Final Edition
11:10—Weather
11:15—Paul Bunyan Theatre

Tuesday, December 27

2:45—Sign On
2:55—Health & Happiness
3:00—Matinee Theater
4:00—A Date With Life
4:15—First Love
4:30—World of Mr. Sweeney
4:45—Toyland Express
5:00—Deputy Don
5:30—Boss Lady
6:00—News
6:15—Sports Today
6:25—Weather
6:30—TEA
7:00—TEA
7:30—Dinah Shore
7:45—News Caravan
8:00—Milton Berle Show
9:00—Fireside Theatre
9:30—Playwrights '56
10:30—HiWay Patrol
11:00—Final Edition
11:10—Weather
11:15—Paul Bunyan Theatre

Wednesday, December 28

2:45—Sign On
2:55—Health & Happiness
3:00—Matinee Theater
4:00—A Date With Life
4:15—First Love
4:30—World of Mr. Sweeney
4:45—Bobo the Hobo
5:00—Deputy Don
5:30—China Smith
6:00—News
6:15—Sports Today
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FREDERIC NEWS

BY Mrs. Harry Horton

"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL" — Grandma Pratt had a birthday December 15th, she was 72 years old. 21

Mrs. Bessie Cooke had the misfortune one day last week to get too near a tea kettle of hot water today she's nursing a badly burned left foot. 21

Mrs. Otis Weaver, Mrs. Ruby Alina and Mrs. Rose Mary Bradstreet were in Traverse City last Thursday Christmas shopping. 21

The Mom's had their Christmas party Saturday night. 47 Moms and husbands attended. A lovely supper was had at 8 p. m. Tables were very prettily decorated with Santa and his reindeer and miniature white trees. After supper "I Have a Secret" was played. The men's gifts were toys. Moms exchanged gifts, cards were sung and a movie was shown by Gene Kaiser. 21

Mrs. Maude Shorts of Roscommon was up for the Mom's Xmas party. 21

Mumps seem to be predominating in town. The Martin Weaver's and Raymond Weaver's children had them last week. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hinkle and family and Mrs. Mary Dunckley visited in the southern part of Michigan last week, returning Wednesday evening. 21

Mrs. Hazel Dunckley and Miss Anita Lezon visited in Flint last week Thursday. 21

Ernest Herzog and Earl Brown of Owosso were here last week doing some rabbit hunting. 21

Ed Fauven and three of his buddies from Saginaw visited the Herb Nugents and enjoyed some rabbit hunting. 21

Janet and Billy LaMotte from Grayling visited their grandma Mrs. Herb Nugent Sunday. 21

Mrs. John Payne and sons, also Mrs. Elroy Barber spent Wednesday in Roscommon at the William Nowlin's. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Russell spent the weekend in Columbiaville with her parents. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker went visiting in Mt. Pleasant, Hart and Ludington. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kequom and Audrey of Flint were here for the weekend. 21

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Frederic Scout News — The scouts have the new community indoor target range in operation. The girl scouts shoot on Tuesday nights and any of the ladies in the community interested in shooting are welcome to join the girls. 21

The boy scouts shoot on Wednesday nights, and any of the men interested in shooting are urged to join the boys. 21

All you need is a 22 rifle that will shoot things at 200 yards for the range can be purchased at the community hall from the boy scouts. They have the regulation indoor non-splatter 22 shorts. 21

Charles Chapman is in charge of the range and welcome any one interested in some good target practice, so let's see a good turnout so we can organize several teams and get some matches for the winter months. 21

The meeting was called to order December 13th by singing Christmas carols, "Silent Night" and "Away in the Manger." The prayer was offered by all in union. The story was the True Shepherd Boy. A business meeting was held, in which it was voted to give 2 gifts to the sick ones, and to make up 2 baskets to help some one else to enjoy Christmas. The scouts then presented a gift as first prize to Miss Gail Mattson in the cookie race. Miss Maria Sue Weaver and Miss Rose Ann Armstrong received the second award. The scouts had 18 present. They stamped 100 Christmas cards for their leader, Zandra Hopkins and Gail Mattson served. Miss Linda Palmer came as a new scout. A guest helper was Miss Mary B. Lodge. 21

Cub Scouts Den No. 1 will have their Christmas party Tuesday. We made gifts and Christmas cards and was very pleased to have Mrs. Allen's assist. Miss Mertie helped the Cubs make waste baskets. 21

Bear Lake News

By M. D., the Roaming Reporter

Very near Christmas and not much news this week. Bear Lake Township is having their annual Christmas party this coming Friday evening at 7:30 at the town hall. Fried cakes and coffee will be served. 21

The snow is getting deeper out here all the time but we still took a jeep and got way back in to rabbit hunt. Due to poor shots only got two rabbits. The dogs did their part. Also noticed the deer are not yarding up yet. Saw tracks all over the open plains. 21

Two more new families, both from Flint, have bought cabins on Bear Lake. They are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson, who bought the Frank Kupina cottage, and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Craig, the Miller cottage. They also want me to tell John Hartley they were very pleased with his work. 21

Babs and Seabiscuit Lloyd were in with a friend, Joe Derosier, from Prudenville. Babs is still having a bad time with her eyes. If Betty Wyman keeps on doing as she did, bowling last week, some one will be after her in the big leagues. 21

So sorry Crawford Table Toppers due to the bad storm we could not get to your Christmas party at the Lumberlot. And now I want to say a Very Merry Christmas to everyone. 21

Maple Forest

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Mercy Hospital News

Patients at the hospital this week include Curtis Atkinson, Mary Houle, Bill Peter, Andy Ann LePant, Carl Passens and Harold Walker of Grayling; Zedie Mead of Roscommon; Josephine Jaworski of Houghton Lake; George Schaller of Prudenville; Ella Runquist and Nicholas Leley of Lawiston; Joseph Bosaw of Kalkaska; Mary Carter of Bath Creek and John Field of Detroit. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Knibbs are the parents of a daughter, Holly Anne, born December 15th. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. on arrival. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph are Holly's grandparents. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hawley announce the arrival of a daughter, Cheryl Ann on December 18. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. on her appearance. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Canfield and Mrs. L. C. Hawley are the young lady's parents. 21

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Lovelis Notes

By Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bates left Friday for Detroit to visit with their children. 21

Mr. and Mrs. P. Patrick left Friday for Detroit, where Mr. Patrick has employment for the winter months. 21

Don McCormick and friend spent a few days with his folks, the John Haeffers. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Les Jackson closed their place for the winter and left for their home in Chesaning, last week. 21

The Harold Johnsons spent Saturday shopping in Mt. Pleasant and visited the Jimmie Stokes family. Barbara returned home with them to spend her two weeks vacation from Mt. Pleasant college. 21

Mr. and Mrs. James Husted of West Branch spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Lovells. Chuck Morley and friend, Josie, left last Friday for North Attleboro, Mass., where they will spend the holidays. They made the trip by airplane. 21

Grandma C. C. C. mother of Mrs. J. Stokes, is very ill, having recently suffered a stroke. Mrs. McCracken's address is 2913 Elm Rd., Flint. 21

The Cheerful Givers Club served the annual Community Christmas dinner at the Town Hall, Saturday night, serving over 50 adults and children a bountiful turkey dinner. After dinner Santa arrived and treated all the children to candy and nuts as well as helping unload the beautiful tree. The ladies saw that every child was remembered with a gift. 21

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Jan. 10th with Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon. 21

The Cheerful Givers Club will meet Jan. 5th at 8 P. M., with Mrs. Edith Hartman for their January meeting. 21

Mrs. Martha Douglas is again very ill at this writing. We all trust she may soon be on a recovery road. 21

The Community Sunday Schools Christmas program was rendered Sunday evening with several attending. Santa Claus visited them at the close of the program and all were made happy again. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Spaulding left last week to spend the week in Midland. 21

Mrs. Bessie Kellogg is spending part of the winter with her daughter in Detroit. Mrs. Florence Loftus. She would love to hear from her friends and neighbors often. Her address while there will be 17601 Greenview, Detroit, Mich. 21

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BITS O' TALK

Mr. and Mrs. Burton McWilliams gave a birthday dinner Sunday December 11th for their daughter Debbie, who was 4 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Straus and son Kim of Ewart, Burton's sister, were guests for the occasion.

Miss Shirley Meaker entertained Miss Mary Ann Crouch and her fiancé, George Tanner of Brighton last weekend.

"The Grayling Laundry & Dry Cleaners" call office will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the Christmas Day week end.

Miss Burnis Meach and Mrs. Martelle Lietz were in Lansing Saturday night Monday a week ago. They visited the James Case family, whom they had not seen for many years, on Sunday.

Mrs. Burton McWilliams and Miss Ann Hanson were callers in Traverse City Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Sena Wium returned Sunday after visiting the Erling Kluge in Pinconning for about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Addison M. Brown of Detroit arrived last weekend to spend until after Christmas with their children, the Richard Merrills.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clements left Sunday a week ago to visit their son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clements, in Crawfordville, until after Christmas.

Loug's Market will be closed December 25th, 26th and 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cherry of Saginaw were guests weekend before last of the Edwin Pratt family.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Allen of Lansing spent weekend before last with Mrs. Angus Macauley. Mr. Macauley was home from Bay City from Tuesday until last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McEvers drove to Grand Rapids Thursday for a couple of days. Roy attended a General Motors meeting and Mrs. McEvers visited her parents the Arnold Robinsons. Mr. Johnson is quite ill.

Dr. B. E. Henig and daughters Jeanette, Gretchen and Catherine went to Detroit Thursday to see Santa Claus. While there they visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Henig. They returned home Saturday night.

Jack Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith, arrived home Saturday night for the holidays. Jack attends Houghton College of Mining and Technology at the Soo.

The office of Dr. J. F. Cook will be closed Dec. 25th thru Jan. 2. For emergency call 5271.

Lee Nolan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan, and Frank Ludeman, son of the John Ludemans, who also attend the Soo branch of Houghton College, arrived home for the holidays on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Madsen were in Fletcher Sunday a week ago to visit her brother, the Tom Wakeleys.

Mrs. Arden Snyder, accompanied by her daughter Miss Jane Brush, visited another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Max Kelly in Saginaw weekend before last.

Mrs. B. E. Henig and Mrs. Bill Joseph spent Friday in Traverse City.

The Wilfred Mathews family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thornton in Kalkaska on Friday. They spent some time in Gaylord on Saturday.

Mrs. Leonard Hayes is visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Thayer in Otisville for some time.

The Junior Aid of the Grayling Evangelical Lutheran Church met Wednesday night of last week at the Danebod Hall. There was a potluck supper and the evening was spent trimming the Christmas tree upstairs. Junior Aid members then exchanged Christmas gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McEvers and Mrs. Bob Niederer spent Thursday in Traverse City on business.

Meach's Grocery will be closed December 24th through January 4.

The Pinochle Club met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Larry McNamara. Mrs. Don Sorenson captured the prize for high score, and Mrs. Ed Sorenson the low score prize. Club members enjoyed a nice luncheon which included fruit cocktail, sandwiches and a cake in the form of a Christmas tree, all served at a candle-lit table. Christmas gifts were exchanged and a fine time was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be January 12th at the home of Mrs. Larry Baumann.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry McNamara spent weekend before last in Bay City, visiting the Elmer Veltens.

Mrs. Harry McEvers and Mrs. Floyd Taylor spent Thursday in Traverse City.

Mrs. Lulu Shaw left Saturday to spend the holidays with her brother, the J. H. Pattersons.

Township Treasurer Kenny Burkhardt will be at the Town Hall on Saturdays from 2 P. M. till 5 P. M. to collect taxes.

T/Sgt. Gerald and Mrs. Worden of Osceola Air Force Base, Osceola, Wis., are the parents of a son, Dean Arthur, born December 10th Dean weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz., on arrival. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Worden are his grandparents.

Leo Lovely drove to Midland today, Tuesday, to meet his daughter, Julie, who will be home for the Christmas holidays from Nazareth Academy at Nazareth.

Please anticipate your gas deliveries Dec. 25 and 26 as our store will be closed. Weaver's Bottle Gas Co.

Mrs. Thomas Wells and daughter, Mrs. Alfred Borchers, attended the funeral of William Tatro in Detroit the first of the week. Mr. Tatro was step-father to the late Thomas Wells.

Miss Lauri Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neils Olson, was 9 years old Sunday. Her mother invited 12 guests to help Lauri celebrate the occasion. The house was decorated for Christmas, with a lighted tree. Lauri's birthday cake was red and white. She received many lovely presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crawford spent the weekend with their son, James and family in Royal Oak Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Stella Shaw were in Saginaw.

Miss Helen Hawes of Alma was a guest last weekend of Rex Hunter and his mother, Mrs. Matilda Hunter.

Sylvia Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robertson, returned home Friday from Taylor University, Indiana, for the Christmas holidays.

The Religious Census Committee wishes to thank everyone for their cooperation while the census was being taken. Those who have not been contacted will be visited after the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pratt visited their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cherry and Mr. and Mrs. Kopanek in Saginaw over the weekend.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hatfield on Sunday, guests were greeted by a Merry Christmas banner on the arched doorway, decorated with lights and stars. There was also an imitation fireplace lighted inside to represent a fire. The Gary Hatfields, the Harold Hatfields, Senior and Junior, the Howard Hatfields, the Earl Hatfields, and Roger Hatfield were those present at the Christmas party. A delicious lunch was furnished by the ladies present.

At about 10 o'clock Santa Claus made an early visit, bringing gifts for all present. The host and hostess were very pleased with the nice surprises hidden throughout the house, which were put there by the thoughtful guests.

His son, Jr., left Wednesday to spend the holidays with his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Challenger in New York City and his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gass in Manchester, Vt. He plans to do some skiing in Vermont.

Sorenson's Dining Room will be closed for the winter months except by appointment or for private parties. Phone 4751.

Mrs. Louie Schmitt left Wednesday for a few days in Bay City. She will be joined there by Mr. Douglas, and they will continue on to Memphis, to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Charles Douglas, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pearsall.

Members of the Anniversary Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hildebrand Saturday night, to exchange Christmas gifts.

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FOXIE'S SHEET METAL

L. N. Leaguo

Last Monday night Camp Wagner No. 10, L. N. L. members met at the Grange hall for their regular meeting.

One initiation was made to Lilian King. Plans for the annual Christmas party were made. Marge Leslie will furnish the Jan. cake. The party will be held at the hall, Saturday evenings, with invitations to the husbands for a 6:30 dinner which will be co-operative. The committee to decorate tables will be Lucille Wales, Eleanor Mosher, Mamie Strachly and Ethel Cooper.

Edna Feldhauser and Bonnie Wakeley will take charge of the entertainment. June Taylor will sponsor a short Christmas program.

Election of officers was done at this time. The following were elected for the coming year: Pres. Dolly Brown, 1st vice-pres. Lucille Wales, 2nd vice-pres. Ethel Cooper, Treas. Hattie Mosher, re-elected, chaplain, Mamie Strachly, Marshall Marge Leslie, Ass't. Marshall, Edna Mosher, secretary, Ethel King, Secretary, Bonnie Wakeley, appointed. Installation of officers will be Jan. 8th.

PAST PRESIDENTS CLUB

Past Presidents of Camp Wagner No. 10, L. N. L. held their annual Christmas party at the home of Edna Feldhauser with Marge Leslie hostess. Wednesday of last week, 6:30 dinner was served which was much enjoyed by all eight members.

After eating, a short business meeting was held by newly-elected president Eleanor Mosher, and Secretary, Edna Mosher. The next meeting will be an afternoon meeting at the home of Bonnie Wakeley, Jan. 11th.

Santa then came in and distributed gifts to each one which he got from beneath a very prettily decorated tree. Names had previously been exchanged. Eureka Stephan presented each one with a miniature Mexican hat which she brought from Mexico on her recent trip. Games were played and prizes were given to Eleanor Mosher, Bonnie Wakeley, Emma Knibbs and Hattie Mosher. Eureka Stephan won the penny prize.

The L. N. L. Camp Wagner No. 10 held their annual Christmas party at the Grange hall, Saturday night with a 6:30 dinner. About thirty members and husbands sat down at the beautifully decorated tables.

After the dinner the following program was sponsored by June Taylor: Bill Mosher, Cornet Medley, Jingle Bells, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Silent Night, White Christmas, accompanied by June Taylor. Vocal Duet, Whispering Hope, Edna Feldhauser and June Taylor. A recitation "Winter" by Mamie Strachly. This was followed by community singing.

Pinochle and Bunco were enjoyed with high prize won by Helen well and Rudy Feldhauser. A show by Mamie Strachly.

OUR GANG

Our Gang held their annual Christmas party Thursday evening at the Grange hall. A 6:30 dinner was furnished and served by the following committee: Elsie LaMotte, Hattie Mosher, Marge Leslie, Cora Neal, Olive Lovely, Doris Palmer, Lois Palmer, Cleo Mortenson, Ida Papendick, Lucille Roberts, Elizabeth Serven, Eureka Stephan, Zina Vallad and Bonnie Wakeley. The tables were very beautifully decorated. Twenty four members sat down to participate of the dinner. Places were marked with nut cups of silver with name cards tied to handles.

After the dinner we all gathered up stairs to indulge in the entertainment of the evening. This was in charge of Zina Vallad and Olive Lovely. A "Nose Game" was the first of the series which caused much gloe. Another game also caused much laughter. Several readings and poems were given by Bertha Williams, Hannah Baker, Ruth Conner, Ethel Cooper, Myrtle Corvin, Bessie Deckrow, Edna Feldhauser, Charbelie Goss, Dolly Brown, Elsie LaMotte, Marge Leslie, Olive Lovely, Cleo Mortenson, Hattie Mosher, Doris Palmer, Lois Palmer, Bonnie Wakeley. Several carols were sung by the group accompanied by Lucille Roberts at the piano.

Santa Claus came down the chimney about 9 o'clock and brought out the gifts under the beautifully decorated tree. These were exchange gifts revealing Secret Pals for the year. The fireplace and decorations were the work of Zina Vallad who deserves much credit for her work to make this one of the outstanding parties we have had.

New names were drawn for Secret Pals for 1956.

Unless we hear differently we shall have our next meeting at the home of Lucille Howse, Thursday night, January 15th.

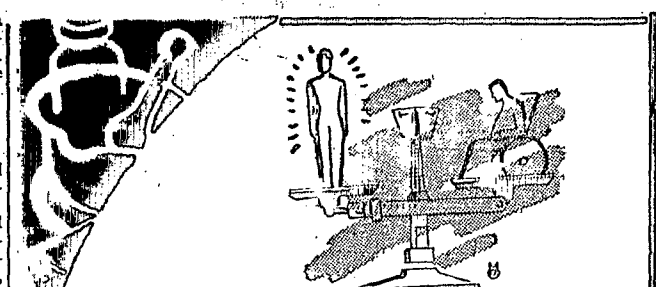
For transportation contact Ida Papendick. The committee for refreshments, Lucille Howse, Marge Leslie, Zelpha Holman. The birthday cake for January will be furnished by Lois Palmer.

Games were played and prizes were given to Ethel Cooper, Bertha Williams, Ruth Conner, Myrtle Corvin, Bessie Deckrow, Elsie LaMotte.

R. L. D. S. News

Due to a conflict with the Feldhauser School Christmas program the Christmas program for the R. L. D. S. church will be held Friday evening, December 23rd, at the church. It will be a cantata, "God So Loved the World," given by the choir and the congregation.

Santa will make his appearance and leave a treat for all. There will be ice cream and cookies. Everyone welcome.



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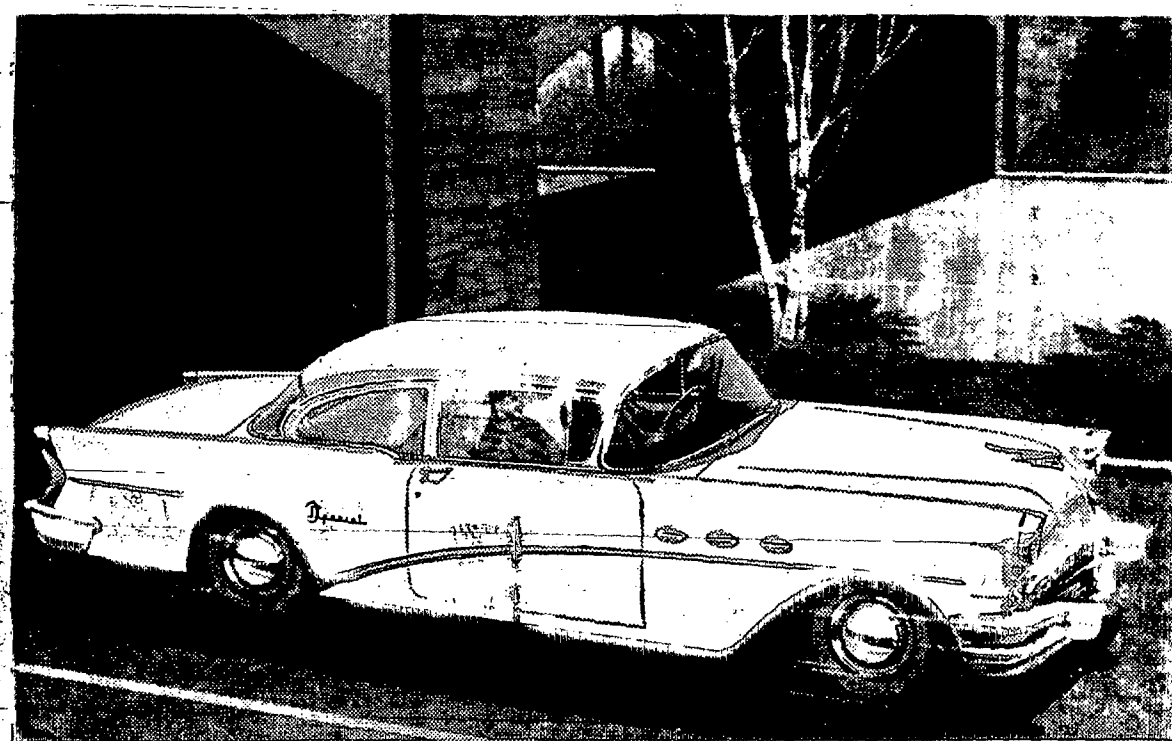
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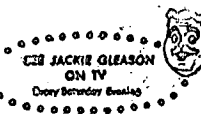
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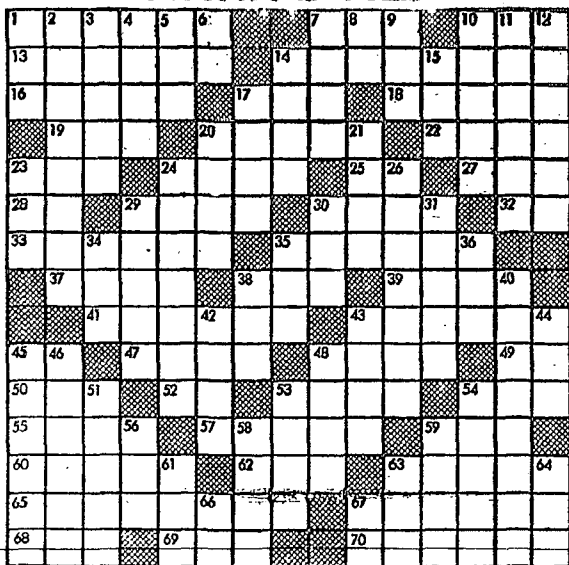
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8 Behind
9 To pursue
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13 Runs away
14 Conch shell
15 Sashimi
16 Place where
17 money is
18 River of Italy
19 Place
20 Babylonian
21 Jolly
22 Scandinavian
23 Venture
24 Baseball
25 Position
26 Goes in
27 Corsair
28 Chair
29 Bring forth
30 Weight (pl.)
31 Foreigners
32 To marvel
33 Preposition
34 Warbled
35 Prohibit
36 Syllable of
37 scale
38 Sore
39 Skill
40 Syllable
41 Male off-

41 spring (pl.)
42 I have (contr.)
43 Corn
44 Intended
45 Period of
46 time
47 Biblical city
48 A connective
49 A cotter
50 Improper
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52 person (pl.)
53 As it stands
54 (mus.)
55 Hair watch
56 Take into
57 custody
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24 Warlike
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27 Voice
28 Short jacket
29 Lever
30 Dance step
31 Finial
32 Heavy East
33 Indian head
34 Domestic
35 Hindu chant
36 Table set
37 To lack
38 Table ruff
39 The ankle
40 The foot
41 A shackle

51 An aunt
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52 Courage
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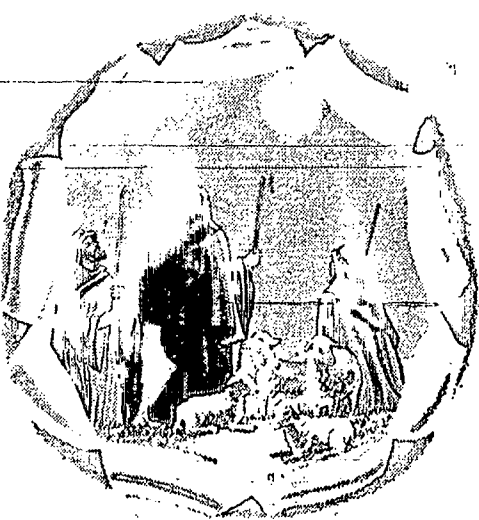
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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN In The Circuit Court For The County of Crawford

IN CHANCERY

Percy C. Redinger and Lovina
L. Redinger, his wife, Plaintiffs,
vs.
No 395
Torrest C. Seale and Leola E.
Seale, his wife, Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to and by virtue of a
decree made and entered in the
above entitled cause on the 11th
day of October, 1955, NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell
at public auction to the highest
bidder at the front door of the
Courtroom in Grayling, Michigan,
that being the place of holding
the Circuit Court for said county,
on Wednesday, January 15, 1956,
at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon,
the following described property,
to-wit:

That certain piece or parcel
situated in the Township of
Beaver Creek, County of
Crawford, State of Michigan,
more particularly described as
follows: The South half of the
Northeast quarter of the
Northeast quarter of Section
19, Township 26 North, Range
3 West, subject to the right of
way of US-27 (now M-76)
and excepting and reserving
a 1/16th interest in all oil, gas
and minerals therein or there-
under, but including the good
will, fixtures and equipment
of Black Bear Inn, located on
the aforesaid property, as
follows:

1 633 1/2 ft. log table; 11 log chairs;
12 beer tables; 12 heavy chrome
and leather chairs; 14 light chrome
and leather chairs; 1 Ernest Gable
upright piano and stool; 1 22 ft.
perma top shuffle board and score
board; 1 mounted deer head on
wall; 1 mounted black bear pup;
1 bob cat hide on wall; 1 fox
on wall; 1 small ice Coca Cola
cooler; 1 National cash register;
1 Cluquett Club electric clock; 1
12 ft. electric refrigerator bar, six
doors, 2 drawers and 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 ft.
mirrors; 1 12 ft. modern front
bar with rail, 4 high stools, in-
cluding 2 beer taps, 2 compressed
air tanks, coils, tap outfit with
hose and gages, and all bar fix-
tures; 1 gross 6 oz. glasses; 1 ci-
gar cigarette case; 1 Magic Chef bottle
gas range, 4 burners and oven; 1
large new bottle gas tank, No. E-
4355; 1 small bottle gas tank and
regulator for tanks; 1 20 ft. ladder;
2 20 gal. fuel oil tanks and 150
gals. of oil; 1 Armstrong oil heat forced
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water heater; 1 refrigerator unit
in basement with 1/2 horse electric
motor; 1 1/2 horse electric motor
just overhauled; 1 comb. Frostair
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automatic deep well pump and
pressure tank; 1 small fire exting-
uisher; 1 Quick-aid snow fog fire
extinguisher; 1 complete rest
room for men; 1 complete
modern rest room for ladies; 1
complete bathroom upstairs; 1
chest of drawers; 2 full beds, mat-
tresses, springs, upstairs; 1 studio
couch; 1 library table; 1 9 x 12 rug;
1 oil burner in garage; 1 wood
range in garage; 2 full beds,
springs, mattresses; 1 oil heater;
2 chairs; 1 table in small cabin;
1 neon liquor sign on pole out
front on corner lighted and fitted
with prefabricated building; and including the
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held by the defendant or defend-
ants in the operation of the busi-
ness conducted on the aforesaid
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Liquor Control Commission.

November 29, 1955.
WARD F. ELLISON
Ward F. Ellison, Special Circuit
Court Commissioner by appoint-
ment of the Court.

401 Cedar Street
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FRED G. CADWELL
Attorney for Plaintiffs
702 George Street
Roscommon, Michigan
8-15-22-29-5-12-19

State of Michigan - Order of the
Conservation Commission - Reg-
ulating Fishing in AuSable River
of AuSable River, Crawford
County

By authority of Act 230, P. A.
1926, as amended, the Conserva-
tion Commission hereby orders
that, all orders to the contrary
notwithstanding, for a period of
four years from January 1, 1956,
it shall be unlawful in the South
Branch of the AuSable River from
300 feet downstream from Ste-
vert Bridge in Section 29, T. 25 N.,
R. 2 W., to the mouth (or junction
with the main stream of the Au-
sable River) in Section 8, T. 26 N.,
R. 1 W., Crawford County, to fish
with any lure except artificial
flies, or to take or possess trout
less than ten inches in length, or
to take or possess more than five
trout in any combination but not
more than ten pounds and one
trout.

For the purpose of these regula-
tions, the term "artificial fly"
shall be defined as any form of
either a "dry fly" or a "wet fly"
as ordinarily used in fishing for
trout, and which shall not have
attached thereto or used in con-
nection therewith any type of fish-
ing lure of whatsoever kind or
description when fishing in waters
that are restricted to the use of
artificial flies only.

Signed, sealed, and ordered pub-
lished this ninth day of Septem-
ber, 1955.

Robert F. Brevitz
Chairman
Clifford Ketcham
Secretary

Countersigned:
Gerald E. Eddy
Director of Conservation
8-15-22

State of Michigan - Order of the
Conservation Commission - Reg-
ulating Fishing in AuSable River
Crawford County

The Conservation Commission,
by authority of Act 230, P. A. 1926
as amended, hereby orders that,
all orders to the contrary notwith-
standing, for a period of two years
from January 1, 1956, it shall be
unlawful in the main stream of
the AuSable River downstream
from Burton's Landing in Section
11, T. 26 N., R. 3 W., to Wakeley
Bridge in Section 12, T. 26 N.,
R. 2 W., Crawford County, to fish
with any lure except artificial
flies, or to take or possess any

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Civil Defense Workers Get "Break" On Taxes

The Michigan Office of Civil
Defense has been informed by the
Federal Civil Defense Administra-
tion that a ruling recently handed
down by the United States Treas-
ury Department provides that ex-
penses incurred by civil defense
volunteers in the performance of
their official duties as volunteers
are deductible for income tax pur-
poses. The ruling in part states
that "actual unreimbursed ex-
penses incurred by civil defense
volunteers in the performance of
their volunteer duties, such as
traveling expenses, . . . or other
expenses directly connected with
and solely attributable to the ren-
dition of such volunteer services,
constitute contributions or gifts
within the meaning of section 170
of the Code of 1954 and are de-
ductible in the manner and to the
extent in such section."

It is our opinion that all civil
defense volunteers should con-
sider the application of the above
ruling in the preparation of their
future income tax reports and to
avail themselves of this benefit.
We suggest the Bureau of Internal
Revenue be contacted if there are
any question concerning the in-
terpretation of this ruling.

Floyd A. Davis, Director
Crawford County Civil Defense.

Lake Margrethe Water Level

(Information furnished by U. S.
Geological Survey)

Period of record, Nov. 12, 1942
to date:

Water level, Dec. 15, '55, 1134.33 ft.

Water level, Dec. 15, '54, 1133.90 ft.

Maximum level for period of
record, April 5, 1943, 1135.39 ft.

Minimum level for period of
record, Sept. 24-27, 1948, 1133.57
ft.

trout less than ten inches in length
or to take or possess more than
five trout in any combination but
not more than ten pounds and one
trout.

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tions, the term "artificial fly"
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STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Crawford

At a session of said Court, held
at the Probate Office in the City
of Grayling in said County, on the
9th day of December 1955.

Present: Hon. Beulah Neafie,
Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of
Rue Edmonds Deceased.

Pauline Edmonds having filed
in said Court her petition praying
that said Court adjudicate and de-
termine who were at the time of
his death the legal heirs of said
deceased, and be entitled to inherit
the real estate of which said de-
ceased died seized.

It is Ordered, That the 6th day
of January 1956 at 10 o'clock in
the forenoon, at said Probate Of-
fice, be and is hereby appointed
for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That pub-
lic notice thereof be given by pub-
lication of a copy of this order,
once in each week for three weeks
consecutively, previous to the said
day of hearing, in the Crawford
County Avalanche a newspaper
printed and circulated in said
said County.

Beulah Neafie
Judge of Probate

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Judge of Probate. 15-22-29

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Council Proceedings

Meeting held on the 12th day of
December, 1955, Grayling, Mich.

Meeting called to order by
Mayor Roberts at 8:00 P. M.

Members present: Roberts,
Cook, Simpson, Giegling and
Gothro. Absent: None.

Attorney Moore was also pres-
ent.

Citizens present: None.

Reading of the minutes of the
meetings held during November
as follows: November 7th, Novem-
ber 16th and November 21st, were
approved as read.

Ayes: Roberts, Cook, Simpson,
Giegling and Gothro.

Moved by Roberts and support-
ed by Cook that we donate to the
American Legion Christmas Fund,
a sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

Ayes: Roberts, Cook, Simpson,
Giegling and Gothro.

Moved by Roberts and support-
ed by Giegling that there being no
further business to come before
the meeting, that we adjourn at
9:30 P. M.

Ayes: All.

Russell Carlson,
City Clerk.

Sociology Class Visits Traverse City Hospital

At 1 P. M. on December 5, 1955,
the Grayling High class in Sociol-
ogy and Occupations, 36 strong,
crowded into the conference room
of the Traverse City State Hos-
pital, at the invitation of that hos-
pital's personnel director, Omar J.
Curtiss.

There, facing one an-
other across an 18 ft. conference
table, they spent an awkward 15
minutes awaiting Mr. Curtiss.

Some joked, a few puzzled over
the ponderous titles of the im-
pressive library, others were
strangely silent. Their teacher
took up the slack by expounding
somewhat flatteringly on the titles
of the library texts till Mr. Cur-
tiss entered and began his talk.

Some of it was history, some of
it was statistics. The best of it
was the expression of the new at-
titude toward our personal diffi-
culties in living. Then, equipped
with a new set of facts and two
guides, the class split into two
groups and began their tour.

On our arrival at the first unit,
our guide stopped a moment to
exchange greetings with a fellow
worker. "What have we here?"

"Kids, a bunch of kids." Was our
guide's somewhat skeptical an-
swer. Yet two hours later when
those two separate groups met
again, those same kids were well
ahead of most adults of the par-
ental generation in certain dimen-
sions. They spoke of new miracle
drugs, quoted astronomical sums
the cost of one month's supply of
the new miracle drug was 150 mil-
lion dollars) and sometimes sound-
ed like politicians. Their teacher
began to wonder if after all he had
done the right thing in subjecting
youth to such a set of hard facts
— were such sober things properly
the concern of young people?

In this fast-moving age of ours, are
they not growing up too fast as is?

At ten minutes of four the bus
started back to Grayling. Teacher
was again reminded in all the old
familiar ways that kids will be
kids, and one would have thought
them just returning from a victo-
rious athletic event. The ques-
tion— are our children growing up
too fast?—the answer to this is
another question—in which dimen-
sion? The adult lesson to be
learned is this: there are new di-
mensions of growth daily, in new
directions, along with the old, and
for these there is no standard for
valuation as yet. What can par-
ents do? What they have always
done, trust to the parental instinct
of patiently standing by.

Sam Maglia,
Sociology Teacher.

TRUE CHRISTMAS CAROL

Charles Wesley, a Methodist
minister England wrote "Hark, the
Herald Angels Sing" on a Christ-
mas morning. The brother of John
Wesley, founder of Methodism,
was inspired by the pealing of
church bells when he penned the
amous carol.

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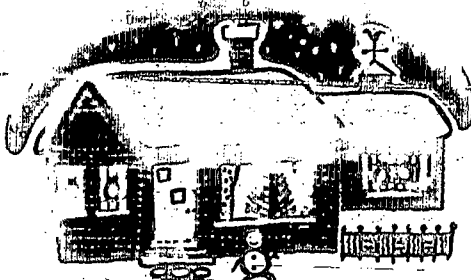
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BITS O' TALK

Charles Morley and Miss Josephine Mercurio left Thursday to spend three weeks visiting her father, Antonio Mercurio and sister, Mrs. Antonio Mercurio, in Rhode Island.

Central Michigan College students at Mt. Pleasant who are home for the Christmas holidays are Joanne Andrews, Jim Bond, Nancy Colten, Elory Horning, Billy Kinkadee, Jim Kitcher, Carol Mikesell, Richard Reava and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Luter.

Mrs. Frank May, Mrs. Whitey Madsen, Mrs. Clarence Roberts and Mrs. Eugene Papendick were in Traverse City Tuesday of last week.

"The Grayling Laundry & Dry Cleaners" call office will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the Christmas Day week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Papendick attended the funeral of Pontiac, in Kingsley Wednesday of last week.

Miss Jean Millikin of Ferris Institute arrived home for the holidays Wednesday to visit her family, the Ralph Millikins.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fyfe left Thursday and spent the week end in Chicago on business.

Bradley and Donald Stephan, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Stephan, arrived today, Thursday, from Emanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs, to spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mikesell attended the marriage of her brother, Max J. Mikesell, of Dearborn, to Ragnhild E. Lachman, Thursday, December 15th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brynjulf Bruland, near Hudson.

Mr. Mikesell was best man at the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Houle and daughters, Christine and Marilyn, left today, Thursday, for Hancock, to spend until New Year's with his mother, Mrs. Wilfred Houle, and brothers.

Mrs. Susie Wytke left Friday for Charlotte to spend the holidays with her son, the Carleton Wythes, and to attend the wedding of their daughter, Sue, on Saturday, December 17th, to Douglas Waldo Peck.

Mrs. Marguerite Leslie entertained the past presidents of the L. N. L. at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Feldhauser, Wednesday night of last week.

Mrs. Don Feldhauser and son, Danny, and Miss Kay Becker of Mercy Hospital made a trip to Harper Hospital in Detroit, Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Carl Richardson entertained the members of the Wednesday Bridge Club at her home last week.

Mrs. Dale Pettigall won the prize for high score, Mrs. Ernest Borchers the prize for 2nd high, Mrs. Harry Souders the low score prize, and Mrs. Frank Bond the galleon prize. Cues for the evening were Mrs. Thomas Stancil and Mrs. Gail Davenport.

Members of the Bunco Club met last Thursday for dinner at the Grayling Restaurant. They went from there to the home of Mrs. Byron Randolph for dessert.

Other games were played as a change. The next meeting will be January 5th at Mrs. Dan Owens' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barker and Mrs. John Elliot left the first of the week to visit friends and relatives in Detroit for the Christmas holidays.

December 13th was unlucky for Joe Cinciala. His car was wrecked when he and Bill Heric, Bill Lenkowski and Marion Fox were returning from a fishing trip at East Jordan and the car in front suddenly turned off without giving any signal before hand. No one was injured in the accident.

Mrs. Victor Shafer was hostess at her home Friday night to the Shafer's Acres bowling team, and again on Wednesday night to the Dad's Sporting Goods bowling team. The team members exchanged gifts and enjoyed tasty refreshments.

Richard Souders and Richard Klein, who attend the U. of M. drove up from Ann Arbor Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, the Harry Souders and the Robert Kleins.

"The Grayling Laundry & Dry Cleaners" call office will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the Christmas Day week end.

Russell Carlson and Emil Giegling attended a Rotary Club luncheon in St. Louis Thursday, where the former is a past president, then proceeded on to Ithaca on business for the city of Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyce and children spent Saturday in Mt. Pleasant. While there they visited his uncle, the Norval Boyces, and the Harold Jankowskis.

State Makes Bid For Busy Winter

Michigan is making a strong bid this year for a forward spot among the nation's winter playgrounds.

A pre-season check by the State Tourist Council of Michigan's winter sports facilities reveals that forty-four ski centers will go into operation with the opening of this winter's ski season.

"Given favorable weather, the approaching winter sports season should be our most successful to date," said Robert J. Furlong, Executive Secretary of the Council. He added that all indications point to an increase in participation and revenue comparable to the upsurge in Michigan's 1955 summer and fall tourist business.

Furlong cites the enthusiasm and initiative of Michigan's resort operators in developing new and better winter sports facilities as proof that winter sports have become a permanent and substantial part of the state's multi-million dollar tourist industry.

The tourist official estimates that 400,000 will take advantage of Michigan's improved facilities this winter. He bases the estimate on a survey of the state's winter sports industry made by the Council last year. The survey showed that there has been a constant upward trend in winter sports participation over the past decade, with the biggest increase in the number of ski enthusiasts.

To meet this growing demand, Michigan will introduce three new ski centers to visitors this season. Located in the northern lower peninsula, they include the AuSable Ranch and Ski Club near Gaylord, Mio Mountain in northeastern Michigan, and Glacier Hills Ski Club near Bellaire in the Grand Traverse region.

Three other ski areas made their first appearance last winter. Mt. Onaway Ski Run in the northern corner of the lower peninsula, Lake Valley Ski Resort near Kalkaska in northwest Michigan, and Mt. Kimberly Ski Area on Lake Gogebic in the upper peninsula.

These six newcomers to Michigan's ski scene bring the total number of ski centers to forty-four. All well-equipped, they are located in almost every section of the state, from Kalamazoo in the south to the Copper Country on the shore of Lake Superior. Representing Michigan's four tourist regions, there are seventeen in the northeastern half of the lower

peninsula, nineteen in the western half, one in southeast Michigan, and nine in the upper peninsula.

Since the close of last season general improvements and additions have been made at most of the centers. New slopes have been bulldozed, and existing slopes have been lengthened and improved. New, electrically-driven towes have been installed. Shelters and loungers have been added and expanded.

Michigan's winter recreation areas offer a wide variety of facilities for beginners and experts alike. Ski slopes vary in length from 300 to 3,500 feet. The longest is at Porcupine Mountain in the upper peninsula. Also in the U. P. is the world's highest artificial ski slide, a 300-foot trail down a 150-foot high scaffold, near Iron Mountain.

Besides downhill slopes and special slopes for beginners, most of Michigan's ski centers also offer slalom bowls, cross-country trails and ski-jumps, as well as toboggan slides and skating rinks. Indoor comfort is provided for by restaurants, snack bars, lodges and warming shelters. Rental equipment is available at most of the centers. Many also feature special "ski week" vacation plans. For one all-inclusive price, winter-visitors may secure meals, lodging, equipment and instruction in the special "package" winter vacations.

Michigan also offers more than a dozen well-developed winter recreation areas that feature sports other than skiing. They are located chiefly near the larger cities in the lower peninsula, where the winter snowfall is sufficient for sustained skiing. Added to these are the thousands of inland lakes throughout the state where "winter" sportsmen may enjoy ice-fishing, ice-boating and skating fun.

Michigan's winter sports, however, are not restricted to participants. Spectators as well may enjoy winter in Michigan. The season will offer a continuous series of special events, including ski contests, ice-fishing festivals and speed skating races. Although definite dates have not yet been set, the Tourist Council reports that ski events are already planned for Caberfae near Cadillac, Boyne City, Ishpeming, Mesick and Houghton. Ice-fishing festivals too, will again be held at Houghton Lake, the Tawassee, Escanaba and Boyne City.

A detailed directory of all of Michigan's ski centers and a 1956 calendar of events will soon be released by the Michigan Tourist Council. Copies may be obtained by writing the Tourist Council, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing 4.

Crawford County Avalanche
Thursday, December 22, 1955

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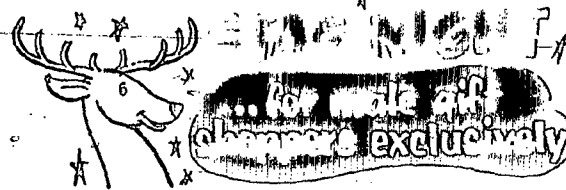
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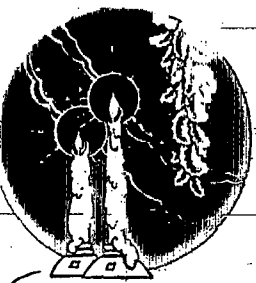
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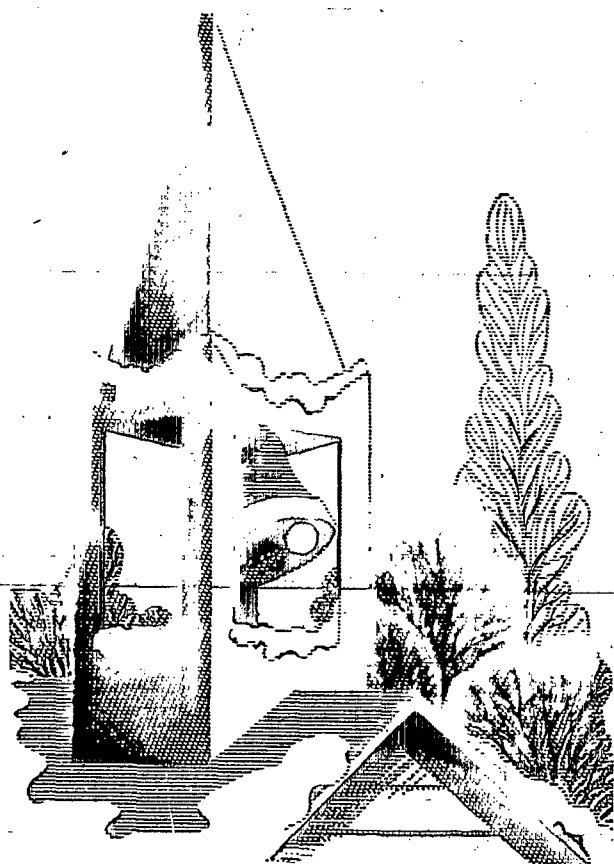


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Grayling County Avalanche
Thursday, December 22, 1955

Bits O' Talk

Dr. and Mrs. Alden Wiley (Don-
na Carlson) are happy over the
arrival of a baby girl born Dec-
ember 13th at Kalkaska hospital.
Mrs. Frank Bond was hostess to
the Saturday Bridge Club at
her home last week. Mrs. Willard
Cornell finished play with the
highest score. Mrs. Roy Milnes,
second highest, and Mrs. Robert
Strong, the low score. Mrs. Roy
Trudgson won the galloping prize,
and Mrs. Ernest Borchers was a
guest of the club.

Long's Market will be closed
December 25th, 26th and 27th.

Mrs. John R. Green of Saginaw
visited her daughter, Mr. and Mrs.
Larry Baumann and family on
Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Worden,
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long and
the William LaChappelles attend-
ed the annual Christmas party of
the Table Toppers at the Limber-
lost Hotel at Houghton Lake Wed-
nesday of last week.

Rev. H. C. Puffer attended a
meeting of the White House Con-
ference participants at the Hotel
Olds in Lansing Tuesday. The
meeting was for the purpose of
planning for a forward program
in Michigan on the recommenda-
tions that have come out of the
Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Olson and
sons of Flint spent last Saturday
with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hall.

A. F. L. Local 1487 held a ban-
quet at the Avalon Restaurant
last Saturday night. The local
reporter said that Joe Olson of
Frederic went to drinking coffee
instead of beer.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smock
stayed overnight Friday with his
parents Mr. and Mrs. Lland
Smoek.

Meech's Grocery will be closed
December 24th through January
4.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Melroy at-
tended the E. F. Wierke Co. party
in Saginaw Saturday a week ago.
Bob and Dick Dunham of Clyde
and Milford, arrived here last
week to visit their mother, Mrs.
Nina Dunham, and sister Rhea,
for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Roy Lovely's mother, Mrs.
A. J. Cunningham, and sister, Mr.
and Mrs. Earl Bowers and daugh-
ter, Joelyn, of Pontiac, drove here
Friday night to pay a call on the
Lovelys and to deliver their
Christmas gifts. They returned
the same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith en-
tertained her sister, Miss Arlene
Bonifas of Escanaba and cousin,
Miss Carol Green of Manistiquie
Monday until Wednesday of last
week. Miss Green was on her
way to Rochester to exchange her
seeing eye dog for one with a
better disposition.

Please anticipate your gas
needs. There will be no de-
liveries Dec. 25 and 26 as our
store will be closed. Weaver's
Bottle Gas Co.

Tom Gibbons of the U. of D. in
Detroit arrived last week end and
is visiting Steve Jorgenson at the
home of his mother, Mrs. Helen
Jorgenson.

Legion Auxiliary News
The Grayling American Legion
Auxiliary Unit 106 held a com-
bined business and social meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1955. Thirty-
four members were present. After
the business meeting Pinocchio and
Bunco were played with prizes go-
ing to in Pinocchio, high Freda
Rasmussen, low Phyllis Thomp-
son. For Bunco, high Edna Can-
field, low Alberta Tahvonen.

Gloria Nielson won the mystery
prize. The ladies were then sear-
ed at a long gayly decorated table
where gifts were passed out to
each member.

The following ladies were on
committee: Margaret Balch, chair-
man, Jean and Grete Rasmussen
co-chairmen, Emma Brown, Edna
Canfield, Ina Cook, Jayne Hayes,
Iris LaChappelle, Edith Lovely,
Gloria Nielson, Joan Miller, Jean
Wakeley, Bertha Winslow, Hattie
Worden, Bea Skinner and Agnes
Nelson.

The ladies will fill stockings
Thursday night, Dec. 22nd and
help at the childrens Christmas
party Friday, Dec. 23rd.

The next meeting will be Jan-
uary 10th, 1956 at the Legion hall
at 8 o'clock.

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FRESH

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Thursday, December 22

11:30-Party Line
12:00-Valiant Lady
12:15-Love of Life
12:30-Search for Tomorrow
12:45-The Guiding Light
1:00-News and Weather
1:15-Air Force Digest
1:30-Love Story
2:00-Today's Movieland
3:00-Mitch & the Missus
3:30-What 1 Person Can Do
3:45-Military Mailbag
4:00-The Brighter Day
4:15-The Secret Storm
4:30-On Your Account
5:00-Kids Corner
6:00-News
6:15-Weather
6:30-Wild Bill Hickok
7:00-Michigan Outdoors
7:30-Disneyland
8:30-MGM Parade
9:00-Liberace
9:30-Playhouse
10:00-Facts Forum
10:30-Understanding Our
World
11:00-Weather
11:05-The 13th Hour

Friday, December 23

10:00-Gary Moore
10:15-Service Salutes
10:30-Gary Moore
10:45-Picturama
11:00-The Christophers
11:30-Party Line
12:00-Valiant Lady
12:15-Love of Life
12:30-Search for Tomorrow
12:45-The Guiding Light
1:00-News and Weather
1:15-Air Force Digest
1:30-Love Story
2:00-Today's Movieland
3:00-Mitch & the Missus
3:30-TBA
3:45-Service Salutes
4:00-The Brighter Day
4:15-The Secret Storm
4:30-On Your Account
5:00-Kids Corner
6:00-News
6:15-Weather
6:30-Superman
7:00-Stories of the Century
7:30-Name That Tune
8:00-Live is Worth Living
8:30-Wyatt Earp
9:00-Phil Silvers Show
9:30-Red Skelton Show
10:00-\$64,000 Question
10:30-My Favorite Husband
11:00-Weather
11:05-Main Event Wrestling

Wednesday, December 28

10:15-Gary Moore
10:30-What's Your Trouble
10:45-Man to Man
11:00-Picturama
11:30-Party Line
12:00-Valiant Lady
12:15-Love of Life
12:30-Search for Tomorrow
12:45-The Guiding Light
1:00-News and Weather
1:15-Air Force Digest
1:30-Love Story
2:00-Today's Movieland
3:00-Mitch & the Missus
3:30-Industry on Parade
3:45-Bob Crosby
4:00-The Brighter Day
4:15-The Secret Storm
4:30-On Your Account
5:00-Kids Corner
6:00-News
6:15-Weather
6:30-Sports
6:30-Ramar of the Jungle
7:00-Science Fiction Theater
7:30-Dollar A Second
8:00-Godfrey & Friends
8:30-Big Picture
9:00-Great Gildersleeve
9:30-I've Got a Secret
10:00-20th Century Fox
11:00-Weather
11:05-Curtain Call

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